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Coal board says 85% of miners are back on first day of return to work

Flying pickets hit Wales and Yorkshire

- The return to work in the coalfields was held up when miners refused to pass pickets demanding an amnesty for colleagues dismissed in the strike.
- Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, said such an amnesty was essential for peace in the industry. He refused to cross one of the picket lines.
- The pickets, from Kent and other militant pits, were respected by many miners. The National Coal Board reported an 85 per cent return to work.
- Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, advocated selling part of the coal industry to co-operatives of management and workers.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Flying pickets from the militant Kent coalfield slowed up the return to work at the official close of the year-long pit strike yesterday, but the National Coal Board reported that 85 per cent of miners were back at their jobs.

The unexpected arrival of strikers demanding a total amnesty for men dismissed during the dispute caught the police and coal board managers unawares in Yorkshire, where picket lines prevented 22,000 men from abandoning the conflict.

At pit after pit in the coalfield where the strike began in March last year, a handful of Kent miners combined with local militants to turn back the thousands of men seeking to carry out the national return to work decision.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, refused to take his members through a picket line at Barrow colliery in South Yorkshire. He said later: "What we need is an amnesty for those dismissed. Until and unless we get it, you will not have peace in the coalfields."

Encouraged by their success in Yorkshire and parts of South Wales yesterday Kent union leaders are now spreading their net in the hope of relaunching the strike until all 700 men dismissed by the board after being convicted of various criminal offences are reinstated.

Mr Jack Colins, secretary of the Kent pitmen, said: "We know that there are tens of thousands of miners disgusted at the decision reached last Sunday, and we will be asking them to join us."

The coalfield militants, who number fewer than two thousand, managed to prevent a return to work by 10 times their number by carefully selecting their targets yesterday.

They chose the colliery where Mr Scargill was leading the return to work, and the Kinsley Drift, South Kirby, Frickley, Prince of Wales, Cortonwood, Cadeby, Kellingly, Kiveton Park and Aramthorpe mines, together with Shafton workshops. Not all of these are traditionally hard-line units but they represent a spread right across Yorkshire.

The Kent pickets arrived the night before the return to work was due, and stayed with sympathisers in the pit villages. At Frickley the 1,000-strong return to work march was met by about 40 pickets, including the Kent strikers, and after a short discussion the men decided not to go into work. Their decision was reinforced by dismissal notices delivered to more men on the morningof the "march back".

The coal board said that half of the Yorkshire workforce returned yesterday.

There were other disturbances in Northumberland and in the Midlands in the general pattern of an orderly return to work, but generally speaking the board was able to report an "encouraging" response to the union's national appeal for an end to the strike. Only 15 per cent of the 186,000-strong workforce was estimated to be still out on the first full day of "normal working".

Only 5,400 of the miners still on strike were in Scotland, where the area decision to remain out until there is an amnesty for about 200 dismissed men looks certain to be rescinded at a recalled delegate conference today. Men in the Ayrshire collieries of Barony and Killoch voted to resume work, and across the coalfields the board reported a 56 per cent attendance.

Only in Kent is the strike still practically solid, with 1,700 of the area's 2,000 men still out.

The return to work in Wales was disrupted by the Kent pickets at Trelwis Drift, near Bedlinog and Blaenserchan, Gwent, and there may be protests against the Kent actions when the union national executive meets in Sheffield tomorrow to determine the miners' next step.

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Miners at Merthyr Vale colliery yesterday, scene of the Aberfan tip disaster in 1966. (Photograph: Jeremy Nicholl.)

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Breaking language barriers
Miles Kington scorns the Frenchman's linguistic paranoia

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Portfolio

Today's Times Portfolio prize is increased to £4,000, because there was no winner yesterday. Portfolio list, page 16; how to play, information service, back page.

On Saturday, £42,000 can be won. The weekly prize of £20,000 is doubled because no one won last week, and in addition there is the usual £2,000 daily prize.

No action on phone tap film

Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, announced last night that no one is to be prosecuted under the Official Secrets Acts for taking part in a banned television documentary about phone tapping in the secret service

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Foot rebuffed

Lord Tonypandy, former Speaker of the Commons, has rebuffed Mr Michael Foot in a letter to *The Times* for his comments over alleged breach of confidence in the peer's memoirs

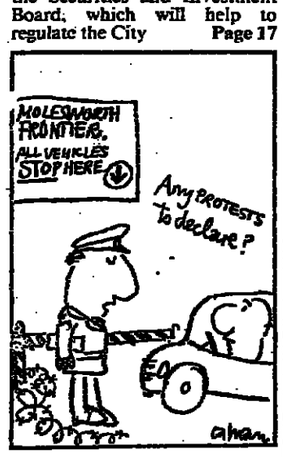
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Dearer glasses

Big rises in charges for National Health Service spectacles have been announced by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health

New City chief

Sir Kenneth Berrill, the former head of the disbanded government "Think Tank", is to head the Securities and Investment Board, which will help to regulate the City Page 17



Missile security

Cambridgeshire police are to issue identity discs to people living in some of the villages near the cruise missile base at RAF Molesworth Page 5

US trade pact

The US and Israel have negotiated a free trade area agreement, the first Washington has reached with any nation. It is expected to be approved by Congress later this year.

NatWest surge

National Westminster Bank's profits rose by 30 per cent to £671 million last year. Its strong performance means that it may have toppled Barclays as the biggest profit-earner Page 17

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Scargill halted by rebel dozen

From Peter Davenport, Barnsley

To the strain of a lone piper and beneath the colourful banner of the National Union of Mineworkers' Barrow colliery branch, Mr Arthur Scargill led the 1,000 striking miners from the pit nearest his home back to work yesterday. It proved a futile gesture.

At the top of the hill on the road out of Worsbrough Dale, near Barnsley, the long entrance lane to the pit was picketed by a dozen rebel miners from the Markham main colliery at Armthorpe near Doncaster.

They were determined to carry on the strike to win a general amnesty for all men sacked during the dispute.

Faced with a picket line the returning miners of Barrow came to a halt. Scargill however had no problem, he merely obeyed the edict he had laid down repeatedly during the past year on not crossing a picket line. He turned away and left.

After some confusion and uncertainty the men followed his lead and marched back down the hill with wives and girl friends from the local women's support group.

It was a picture of chaos repeated in pits throughout Yorkshire yesterday. Rebel strikers from militant pits in the area, together with around 30 flying pickets from Kent, ignored the decision to call off the strike and foiled the National Coal Board's hope of a rapid return to normality.

The scenes brought widely differing reaction from the two sides in the dispute. A board spokesman in Doncaster said: "This is the start of the guerrilla war that has been threatened. It leaves us absolutely speechless that so many men can be so misled by so few."

One miner, clearly upset and angered, challenged the Barrow NUM branch president, Mr Bill Howarth, saying: "We came out on strike on a decision of the National Delegate Conference and now we should go back on their decision."

Mr Howarth confessed his disappointment over the fact that the previous night the branch had voted unanimously to return to work together. But after a year of castigating other returned workers as "scabs" he

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Walker backs sale of mines

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday he would like to see parts of the coal industry sold to co-operatives of management and workers. Once they were successful and making good profits, young miners in particular would like to participate, he thought.

Mr Walker said the Government had not considered any plans, and that there was no possibility of privatization in the present Parliament while the industry, even without the strike, needed £1,300m a year to keep solvent.

Mr Walker, who was being interviewed on Independent Radio News was at once warned by Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, that "there will be one hell of a row if that proposal comes forward, because what it will mean is speeding up of (closures of) what are deemed to be uneconomic pits."

Mr Orme said he was interested to hear Mr Walker

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Tax change by Lawson may add to food prices

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

A subtle move to raise £500 million or more in value added tax revenue is under consideration for the Budget in 13 days. The tax would be raised from goods which are now zero-rated, such as food, newspapers, books, children's clothing and new non-residential construction, without imposing the tax directly on the selling prices of the goods concerned.

This could be achieved by changing the status of goods which escape VAT from zero-rated to exempt.

Producers of goods which are zero-rated can reclaim VAT they have paid on the materials and services which go into the manufacture of their product. Producers of goods which are exempt, on the other hand, are not entitled to VAT rebates.

This could boost VAT revenue by more than £500 million a year. In answer to a parliamentary question this week, the Treasury acknowledged that the move would boost revenue but did not provide an estimate of how much.

The advantages from the Chancellor's point of views are that it would be a politically painless way of raising VAT revenue and that the effects on the retail prices index would be muted and take effect only over a long period.

The main drawback is that it would fall foul of the European Commission.

Israelis lecture 11 envoys on need for 'iron fist' policy

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israel yesterday summoned 11 ambassadors, including those of the US, Britain and France,to try to justify its "iron fist" policy in occupied southern Lebanon. It called on their governments to persuade Lebanon to drop its moves at the UN against the policy.

The envoys represented countries with places on the Security Council who have diplomatic ties with Israel and those which contribute men to Unifil, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, which Israel accused of hampering its drive against "terrorists" in Lebanon.

During the 60-minute meeting Mr Uri Lubrani, the co-ordinator in Lebanon, denied any Israeli involvement "direct or indirect" in the bomb blast in the Shia Muslim village of Maarake on Monday, which killed leaders of the guerrilla organization.

The diplomats, who included Mr William Squire, the new British envoy, were also treated to a military briefing by an Israeli general, who complained about the role adopted by Unifil, whose French troops were last week described by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, as "the biggest bastards".

Mr David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, urged the envoys to ask their governments to convince the Lebanese leadership to withdraw publicly its recent calls for increased guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops.

"The Shia Muslims of southern Lebanon will not live in peace if our people do not live in peace in northern Israel", he said.

M Kimche's assertion that the recent upsurge in attacks against Israeli soldiers was directly attibutable to statements by Lebanese leaders was countered by foreign correspondents at a later briefing on the diplomatic session.

The ambassadors, representing the US, Britain, France, Denmark, Australia, The Netherlands, Egypt, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Italy, were told the crackdown was imposed "because violence begets violence" and the Israelis had been attacked while evacuating the country.

Questions were asked by the ambassadors but Mr Avi Pazner, chief spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, denied that the atmosphere had been hostile. He said he could not recall a similar occasion when such a list of envoys representing both Unifil and Security Council membership had been called in.

The message, Mr Pazner said, could be paraphrased as: "We want out of Lebanon. Please calm these spirits calling for violence against us down, and if you do not, see what happens." This was regarded by observers as a threat of even harsher Israeli measures if the attacks do not subside.

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Star Wars agreement urged by Genscher

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Herr Hans-Diertrich Genscher the West German Foreign Minister yesterday appealed to the Russians and the Americans to reach agreement on space weapons at their talks in Geneva next week, and said there must be "no standstill" in East-West relations.

His call came in an interview with West German radio in Finland, where he is accompanying President Richard von Weizsäcker on a state visit. He flew there from Moscow after talks on Monday with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Herr Genscher said the Europeans wanted to make a contribution to the Geneva talks even if no one could forecast whether anything would come out of it.

The West German side took a resolutely optimistic view of the Moscow talks, in spite of the sharply worded Tass denunciation of Bonn's support for American space weapons research. Government circles spoke of hopes for a new chapter in East-West relations, and said the visit was not sudden and had the approval of Germany's Western partners.

For Bonn the visit was a chance to try to stem the tide of anti-German rhetoric coming from Moscow and to re-establish a dialogue with the Soviet Union.

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Rise in interest rates hits Tory popularity

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The slide in the pound and the increase in interest rates has knocked public confidence in the Government's ability to handle the economy and has cut Conservative popularity by three points in the past month, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

A survey carried out by Market & Opinon Research International (MORI) for the *The Standard*, the London newspaper, gives the Conseratives 39 per cent, labour 35 per cent, the Alliance 24 per cent, and others 2 per cent. Polling was carried out last month.

Compared with the January MORI poll for the same paper the Tories have lost 3 per cent, the Alliance have gained 3 per cent, Labour have gained 1 per cent and others have lost 1 per cent.

Another MORI poll, published on Saturday, gave the Conservatives 38 per cent, Labour 40 per cent, the Alliance 19 per cent and others 3 per cent, but *The Standard* sample was larger and polling was conducted over six days rather than the three days devoted to last week's poll for independent television's *The Strike and the Nation*.

The most significant findings of the new poll centre on the economy, with growing concern for prices and inflation, a marked increase in public pessimism regarding the country's economic outlook and a strong swing against the Conservatives among people with mortgages.

Although unemployment continues to attract most concern, with 79 per cent identifying the problem as one of the most important to them, concern about prices and inflation as a prime issue almost doubled from 15 per cent to 28 per cent in one month. The proportion of those thinking the general economic condition would improve during the next year fell from 25 per cent to 20 per cent, while those thinking it would get worse increased from 38 per cent in January to 44 per cent last month.

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BBC scents victory over licence fee

By David Hewson

The BBC declared its battle for a £65 colour television licence fee won yesterday with the publication of a "value for money" report examining the corporation's workings.

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, is not due to pass a verdict on the licence fee until later this month but yesterday Mr Stuart Young, the corporation's chairman, said the report had proved the justice of the claim and confidently predicted that the application would be met in full.

The report, compiled by the accountants Peat Marwick and Mitchell over six months for £250,000, was requested by the Home Secretary last year. He said that it would help him make up his mind about the application.

The study does not address itself to the idea of the BBC being supported by advertising, or it pulling out of some areas

The BBC's Board of Governors has rejected two of Peat Marwick's 30 findings and says that a further four require more detailed study.

There is no hope of large savings. At most, the BBC predicts, the measures will increase the amount saved through operation economies from £8 million to £20 million over three years, only 1.5 per cent of the corporations' turnover.

Mr Alasdair Milne, the BBC's Director-General, said that the corporation now felt it had "been examined uphill and down dale".

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Pound falls by a cent as dollar surges

The pound dropped by over a cent against a strong dollar yesterday, closing at $1.0592 in London, compared with $1.0705 on Monday. Later in New York, it fell to $1.0525.

The dollar rose strongly against all currencies, gaining five pfennigs to DM3.4280 against the German mark. The dollar index rose 1.4 to 155.8, while the sterling index slipped 0.1 to 70.8. The pound held up better against the latest dollar surge than most currencies, and actually gained 1.5 pfennigs to DM3.6257.

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Researchers cause chaos in the Commons

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

MPs' temporary research staff, especially young American students, were accused yesterday of theft, vandalism and causing general chaos during their working stay in the Commons.

A select committee report said they pestered staff in a Commons branch library with irrelevant questions and often knew little or nothing about public affairs.

Instead of using the already overstretched facilities exclusively for MPs' inquiries, they were tempted to use the library for personal academic work – or socializing.

The House of Commons services committee was told that branch library staff had complained of "much untidyness" in the past two or three years and "an alarming increase in the rate of loss of stock, particularly of runs of periodicals or of several days of a newspaper, together with constitutional textbooks".

Articles had been torn out of magazines and pages removed from books raher than photocopies being taken.

Dr Christopher Pond, head of the Commons public information office, told MPs: "There is some evidence of abuse of facilities . . . it is not a new problem. It has been going on since at least 1981."

The select committee report adds: "The problem is so acute that there is clear evidence that members' permanent staff are being deterred from using the facility on a long-term basis, because it is too full of people. Furthermore, there is evidence that stock has been defaced or stolen. Vandalism of this character leads to frustration and delays, and – given the rate of use of the library – is very hard to suppress."

There were more than 250 temporary research assistants working for MPs this summer. One third of them were Americans, mostly first or second year undergradnates who work at Westminster for two or three months as part of their higher education. The report specifically criticizes their behaviour.

The all-party select committee recommends a restriction on the number of passes issued for MPs' temporary research assistants and says the onus of seeing that undesirable appointees do not gain access to Parliament's premises must rest mainly with MPs.

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The miners' return: Scargill profile: Police problems and casualties: Public opinion changes

War of wills as pitmen start long march back to the collieries

By Staff Reporters

Kent

Forty-three "new faces" the highest number so far, started work in the Kent coalfield yesterday as most of the county's 2,000 miners continued their year-old strike in defiance of a national decision to abandon the stoppage.

Mr Len Harris, the National Coal Board's area director, said yesterday that the militant pitmen were "living on borrowed time".

The conty's miners voted overwhelmingly on Monday to stay out until 42 of their dismissed colleagues, some them officials of the National Union of Mineworkers, are reinstated.

As more than 300 pitmen went to work yesterday, miners' union leaders predicted that most would stay out until an anmensty was granted. A mass meeting to assess developments will be reconvened in a fortnight.

Yorkshire

They marched them up to the top of the hill ouside Frickley colliery, near Doncaster, yesterday in the much-heralded "orderly return to work." Then they met the Kent strikers, and walked back down again.

More than 1,000 miners and their wives and families strode through the colliery village of South Elmsall. The colliery band played, and the banner was held aloft. The townspeople turned out to cheer and clap.

Within yards of the boarded-up colliery offices, the marching column was brought to a halt by about 40 strikers, including Kent miners.

Mr Malcolm Tolley, aged 23, held up before the march his dismissal notice sent to his home that morning. It was enough to persuade his fellow miners that the handful of miners from nearly 300 miles away constituted a barrier to carrying out the union's instruction to go back.

South Wales

At Maerdy, it was as though they had won everything. The band, the banners, even the unaccustomed touch of sunny spring, conspired to conceal the fears hidden by the defiant march back to the colliery.

During the strike, not a single Maerdy miner broke rank.

Scotland

The highest number of Scottish miners reported for work yesterday since the strike began in spite of the miners' union's vote to continue the dispute in Scotland.

The coal board said that 712 more men gave up the strike and after meetings at 13 Scottish collieries the miners' union announced that a delegate meeting is to be held in Edinburgh today to review the position.

● Miners returning to work could face a confusing conflict of trade union law and lore when they have to cross picket lines at their pits.

Picket lines composed of miners from other coalfields, such as Kent and Scotland which have voted to stay out, are clearly unlawful.

The Employment Act 1980 restricts legal picketing to the pickets' own place of work.

In the same way picket lines where numbers exceed six, would lose legal immunity.

But miners who have stayed out for the length of the dispute and who now face a a picket line may find it hard to ignore the traditional trades union tenet that a picket line is never crossed.



Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, leading a long procession of supporters at Barrow yesterday.

THE UNION LEADER

Scargill: Fighter who led from the front

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

The coal strike has, if nothing else, confirmed that Mr Arthur Scargill occupies a unique position in the labour movement and there is little to suggest that, in spite of the outcome of the dispute, he will not continue to fly in the face of trade union orthodoxy.

Throughout the strike Mr Scargill maintained a public and private conviction that the fight to halt pit closures could be won in spite of the overwhelming odds. That continued optimism about the final outcome had some of his closest political colleagues wondering whether they were really going through the same dispute.

He led from the front from the start of the strike, was fined twice by the courts, changed tactics on numerous occasions, not least in finally recognizing the authority of the courts, but maintained to the end that he would never sign a document that accepted pit closures. When the end came he would have none of the talk about defeat, the titanic struggle by the miners was itself a victory, he said.

It was very much Scargill's strike and if the National Union of Mineworkers' executive began to exercise some control over their president in the strike's dying days, for most of the 51 weeks he was the guiding influence in a dispute that had been expected from the moment he won the 70.3 per cent vote in the 1981 election to succeed Joe Gormley as president.

His critics, and there are many on the left as well as the right, complain of his reluctance to take advice and an unshakeable belief that he knew what was best for the miners on strike and their committees with whom he maintained a close affinity. That rapport was returned by hero worship particularly by the younger pitmen, who quickly developed a taste for the strike and the frequent picket line confrontations with the police.

A key element of Mr Scargill's strategy for the dispute, which he also saw as a vehicle for the workers to bring about a change, if not in government then at least in Thatcherite policies, was the avoidance of a national ballot.

The triumvirate of Mr Scargill, Mr Peter Heathfield, the general secretary and Mr Michael McGahey, the NUM vice-president, stamped their authority on the dispute, although it was not long before the president was going his own way.

General secretaries are not normally regarded as a sensitive breed but several took great exception to what they saw as "snubs" when they were trying to help Mr Scargill prosecute the strike. The NUM president's response from about June onwards was to concentrate on small private meetings.

"One of Arthur's problems has been that he is not interested in attending meetings that he is not able to control. Another problem is that he is a very difficult person to work with; he does not trust anyone and so people tend not to trust him", one influential figure in left trade union circles, said.

The public Scargill persona, of hectoring and haranguing, is very different from the private man who displays a shy and warm nature and who can become passionate and emotional in a quiet way when talking about the coal industry which he joined when he was 15.

He likes being compared to A. J. Cook, who led the miners during the 1926 general strike but ended up a broken man. He shares with Cook a single-mindedness and unyielding belief in himself that was described by one union leader as "tunnel vision. Arthur can see where he wants to go and nothing, but nothing, will make him deviate from that course."

Mr Scargill has attracted hostility from right-wing union leaders who variously have described him as a "dangerous buffoon", "nursery revolutionary" and "unfeeling man".

During the strike, Mr Scargill, who is 47, regularly worked 18 hours a day seven days a week.

On his election to the £27,500 a year job in 1981, the NUM faced a Scargill leadership into the 21st century but now the Trade Union Act 1984 is likely to end the job for life tradition of the NUM presidency. As a voting member of the executive Mr Scargill will need to stand for election by December next year after the relevant clause of the Act comes into force on October this year.

The only way of avoiding an election, if the law is to be obeyed, would seem to be to renounce his vote. If an election for the presidency is held it is certain that the substantial resources of the working miners' movement, and disaffected union members will combine to try to defeat Mr Scargill.

BIOGRAPHY

Born January 11, 1938, at Worsborough, Yorkshire.
Attended primary and secondary schools in Worsborough.
Left school at 15 to work at Woolley colliery, near Wakefield.
Joined Barnsley Young Communist League, March 1955.
Defested as Communist Party candidate in elections for Worsborough UDC, May 1960.
Elected to NUM branch committee, May 1960.
Married Anne Harper, September 1961.
Left Young Communist League, 1962.
Elected branch delegate to NUM Yorkshire area council, 1964.
Joined Labour Party, 1966.
Elected to NUM national executive, 1972.
Came to national prominence at "Battle of Saltley Gates", 1972.
Elected president of Yorkshire NUM, 1973.
Played key role in 1974 national strike.
Elected national union president with 70.3 per cent majority, 1981.
Lost ballot on action over pay claim, January 1982.
Lost ballot on action over pay claim, December 1982.
Ballot rejection of call for action over S Wales pit closure, March 1983.
Led "rolling strikes" over pit closures, March 1984.

S Wales is ready to purge its contempt

The South Wales NUM, whose assets were ordered to be seized last August after failing to pay a £50 fine for contempt of court, has now agreed to purge its contempt.

Solicitors acting for the union confirmed yesterday that arrangements are being made for a High Court hearing, possibly later this week, when the union could apologize for the contempt and ask for the sequestration to be ended and the £800,000 assets seized to be returned to the control of the union.

A spokesman for Brian Thompson & Partners, the Cardiff solicitors acting on behalf of the Union said: "We have had instructions to get the sequestration lifted and have been holding talks with solicitors acting on behalf of the sequestrators."

But it is still uncertain whether a senior official of the union will have to appear personally in court to apologize on behalf of the union.

Mr Justice Park ordered the South Wales area's assets to be seized last August after court action brought by two Gloucestershire haulage companies.

The companies obtained injunctions restraining the union from interfering with their lorries at the Port Talbot steel works. When the union refused to comply with the injunction two fines of £215,000 each were imposed by the judge.

The costs could be high, possibly as much as £50,000 for every week that the accountants were involved in tracing the funds. The union will also have to pay the costs of the two haulage companies in obtaining their injunctions.

● The pit deputies' union called yesterday for talks between all the coal unions and management on the plans for a new colliery review procedure which are held back because of the NUM's decision to return to work without a negotiated settlement.

● The Commons energy select committee is expected to investigate the coal industry after the end of the year-long miners' strike, but it is unlikely to start for several weeks.

● The Durham area of the NUM yesterday failed to overturn a High Court injunction banning it from expelling nine miners at a private pit under its new "Star Chamber" discipline code. At the end of a two-day private hearing in London Mr Justice Walton ordered an early trial of the working miners' claim for damages against the union.

● A Soviet trade union newspaper yesterday congratulated British miners for enscribing "a glorious page in the history of the working-class movement" and said they returned to work undefeated by their employers or the British government.

CHIEF CONSTABLES' VIEW

Pressure likely for a bigger force

By Peter Evans and David Cross

The outcome of the miners' dispute is likely to be more pressure form within the police service for its members to be increased.

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief constable of Nottinghamshire and president of the Associatin of Chief Police Officers, says he is not satisfied that the police service was big enough to cope.

With only 120,000 officers for the whole of England and Wales, there were ever increasing demands. "It's been a tremendous strain", he said. "In the middle of all this we had to increase security with the Brighton bomb".

Mr McLachlan, aged 53, was at Buchingham Palace yesterday to be invested as a Commander of the order of the British Empire. He said he had told the Queen that the year was a wasted one as far as the police were concerned.

At the time Mr McLachlan's award was announced, government sources said the CBE had nothing to do with the miners' strike, but was in recongntion of distinguished police services.

Mr McLachlan said that following the dispute there had to be a review, with a look at communications and financial arrangements between aided and aiding forces. But the ability of the service to cope had been proved, so a national police force was not needed.

Mr Peter Wright Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, did not feel that the way police dealt with any similar situation in the future would be very different. "We're not perfect but in the main I think we've done a good job".

But they might have been able to do the job more professionally. A lot of the problems were caused where a last-minute influx of police officers was seen as provocative. But his problem was that he did not know what were the intentions of the pickets. The only thing to do was to judge more finely the numbers of police to put in.

Referring to cirticism of police, Mr Wright said that he stopped the banging on shields. "If we hadn't used the horses at Orgreave I think we should have been overwhelmed, in fact I'm sure we would".



Mr Charles McLachlan: award for distinguished police service.

The police should not have taunted. "They put up with a lot of aggravation but we are supposed to be disciplined, we're supposed to be responsible, and the point I make (to outside officers) is that they are here to help us and not to create problems".

Mr David Hall, Chief Constable of Humberside and Mr McLachlan's predecessor as ACPO president, said that the dispute had shown "the work we did in assessing and deploying police resources as a result of the Toxteth riots was very, very efficient indeed. It has proved to us that you have got to have full liaison between local forces to deal with this type of situation".

THE OFFENCES

Law reform geared to arrests

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The miners' dispute is certain to affect the Government's long-awaited White Paper on public order which has been delayed during the strike.

The Government seems likely to adopt the Law Commission's proposals and replace the common law public order offences with statutory ones specifying more precisely and strictly the nature of the offences.

On the criminal side, a total of 9,750 miners were arrested, of whom 7,879 have been charged.

A wide range of charges has been preferred, including murder, riot and unlawful assembly, assault and breach of the peace.

A total of 137 miners have been charged with the most serious public order offence of riot, 509 with unlawful assembly and 275 with "watching and besetting" under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act 1875.

Apart from the issue concerning the use of the police during the strike and the unprecedented involvement of large numbers of citizens in the criminal process for the first time in their lives, these charges raise several issues.

The use of the public order offences of riot and unlawful assembly, each of which carries a possible penalty of life imprisonment, on which the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL), in its independent report on the dispute, says: "The use of old, broad and potentially draconian laws in this way is a worrying development."

PUBLIC OPINION

Dispute stopped Labour exploiting government errors

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The miners' strikeprevented the Labour Party from making the gains in public support which any main opposition party would expect during the second year of a parliament.

In spite of an uncomfortable year for the Government, during which it managed to upset its own supporters on a host of issues, Labour totally failed to capitalize.

By the turn of the year, almost all the progress it had made up to the start of the strike in March last year after Mr Neil Kinnock's election as leader had been reversed.

According to polls published by MORI the Conservatives stood last March on 41 per cent, with Labour a point behind on 40 and the Alliance on 17 per cent. Labour's support gradually declined through the summer to 35 per cent in October and November and finally to 34 per cent in January, then eight points behind the Tories who were on 42 per cent, with the Alliance moving up four points during the 10 months to 21 per cent.

Although by January there were more voters (49 per cent) who were dissatisfied with the Prime Minister's performance than those were satisfied (44 per cent), her standing among Tory supporters remained exceptionally high. Eighty-four per cent of Conservatives were satisfied with her performance, compared with 86 per cent last March.

It was on this front that Mr Kinnock had the most cause for anxiety. Apart from the fall in his standing among the voters generally, Mr Kinnock slumped sharply among Labour supporters and trade unionists as the strike progressed.

He could not win, losing support from those who felt he should have been stronger in his support for the National Union of Mineworkers and those who wanted him to dissociate himself more firmly from Mr Scargill and the tactics of the union leadership.

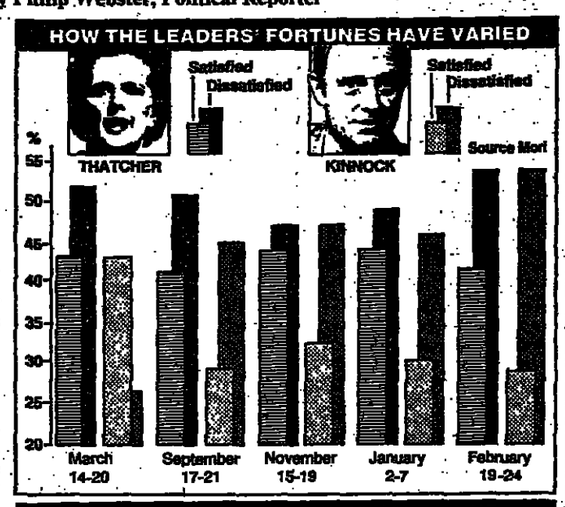
As the Mori polls showed, between January and March last year Mr Kinnock's satisfaction rating among Labour supporters rose from 58 per cent to 70 per cent, with only 9 per cent dissatisfied. But by this January the satisfaction rating had fallen to 54 per cent, with 28 per cent dissatisfied.

Among trade unionists the disenchanted with Mr Kinnock was evern more marked.

Whereas in March 1984, 46 per cent of trade unionists were satisfied with Mr Kinnock and 25 per cent dissatisfied, by January the satisfaction rating was down to 33 per cent and dissatisfaction rating up to 49 per cent. Mr Kinnock was scarcely doing better than Mrs Thatcher in the eyes of trade unionists: in January 32 per cent were satisfied with her and 62 per cent dissatisfied.

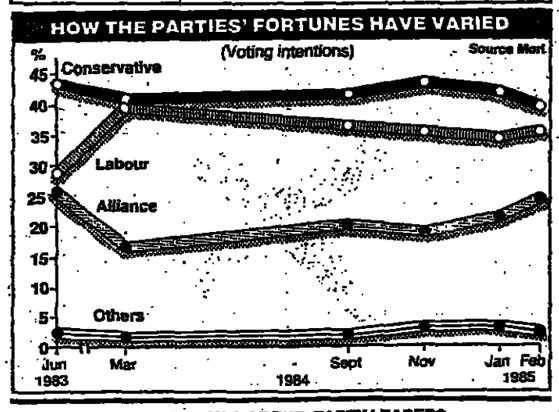
By this February there was evidence that the strike was beginning to hit the Government. According to the Mori poll conducted for *The Sunday Times*, 60 per cent of the voters thought the Government had handled it "badly".

HOW THE LEADERS' FORTUNES HAVE VARIED



HOW THE PARTIES' FORTUNES HAVE VARIED

(Voting intentions)



STANDINGS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

Mrs Margaret Thatcher
Conservative supporters

	Satisfied %	Dissatisfied %
Mar 16-20	86	12
Sep 17-21	83	13
Nov 15-19	88	9
Jan 2-7	84	12
Feb 14-24	82	14

Thatcher
Trade Union members

	Satisfied %	Dissatisfied %
Mar 16-20	36	60
Sep 17-21	31	63
Nov 15-19	38	59
Jan 2-7	32	62
Feb 19-24	28	67

Mr Neil Kinnock
Labour supporters

	Satisfied %	Dissatisfied %
Mar 16-20	70	9
Sep 17-21	56	19
Nov 15-19	57	26
Jan 2-7	54	28
Feb 14-24	56	29

Kinnock
Trade Union members

	Satisfied %	Dissatisfied %
Mar 16-20	46	25
Sep 17-21	34	44
Nov 15-19	35	49
Jan 2-7	33	49
Feb 19-24	32	50

Source: MORI

FLYING PICKETS

Scargill turned back by rebels

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was not going to cross any picket line.

"I will not cross it, and it's up to every man's own conscience to tell him what to do. We'll have to have another meeting but men don't want to cross picket lines", he said.

A young miner was confused. "They want an amnesty for everybody but there are men serving jail sentences of two years and longer for crimes. Do we have to wait until they come out and get their jobs back? It's not going to happen."

Despite the doubts and visible disappointment, the Barrow men did not cross the picket line. They returned to the local miners' welfare club, half a mile away, uncertain as to what the immediate future holds.

The men from Markham colliery said they intended to picket the entire Yorkshire coalfield again. "We won't go back until every sacked man is reinstated", one said. Their branch voted to ignore the decision of the delegate conference and the endorsement given by the Yorkshire area NUM.

Such was the confusion in Yorkshire that by early afternoon the board could not say how many of its 53 Yorkshire pits had resumed normal operation, or how many men were working.

Nearly 1,200 men at the Prince of Wales colliery, near Pontefract returned home when greeted by three Kent pickets. About 850 miners marching into work at Cortonwood turned back when confronted by their colleagues from the South.

Mr Scargill, who had been joined by his wife, Anne, on the Barrow parade, predicted continuing confusion. "The campaign will go on to get the reinstatement of all those who have been sacked."

The problem of sacked miners continued to plague the hopes of a return to normality. NCB officials in Yorkshire admitted that as well as the 197 men already dismissed, they were considering action against 190 others who were awaiting the outcome of court appearances. But there would be no general amnesty.

At Manton colliery 90 per cent of the workforce walked out yesterday after the pit manager had suspended three men pending investigations into alleged strike offences and at Kiveton Park only 30 men arrived for work after the dismissal of two miners. Previously 600 had reported for duty.

Privatization backed by Walker

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say this on the day the coal strike finished, because throughout the past 12 months the minister had vehemently denied there was any prospect of privatization.

"I do not see the young miners who have been politicized during this dispute jumping for joy about privatization," Mr Orme said, "because I believe it would put large sections of their industry in jeopardy."

Mr Ormie was not the only MP to express interest yesterday in Mr Walker's readiness to discuss freely the privatization of coal, a subject he and his colleagues avoided while there was a danger of inflaming feelings during the strike. Mr Norman Tebbit was severely criticized by fellow members of the Cabinet when he talked of future privatization of coal last summer.

Yesterday Mr Tebbit said he was giving a personal view.

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Lord Gormley, Mr Arthur Scargill's predecessor as president of the National Union of Mineworkers, tips a wink to the camera at the Horserace Totalisator Board's annual luncheon at the Hyde Park Hotel in London yesterday.

Police casualties

1,392 officers hurt during strike

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The total number of police officers injured in the mining dispute was 1,392, of whom 85 were seriously hurt, according to the National Reporting Centre. This could result in a massive pay-out by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board if all the officers made claims.

At the beginning of December, when the number of injured officers stood at 1,200, the board was expecting claims of more than £1.5 million.

A spokesman for the Police Federation said many of the injuries resulted from assaults and the throwing of missiles.

Ten per cent of picket line injuries required hospital treatment and included serious head wounds, broken limbs, cuts, bruises, dislocations, broken noses and injuries from being crushed by pushing and shoving.

Particularly bad was the South Yorkshire area where 880 cases of injury to officers were recorded, of which 244 needed hospital treatment. South Yorkshire officers accounted for 301 cases and some were injured several times. In Nottinghamshire, 317 officers were injured since August 17, in Derbyshire 239 and in North Yorkshire 104. The worst area outside the north of England was South Wales where 142 officers from the South Wales Constabulary were injured during the dispute.

Police forces from outside mining areas also suffered casualties, with 93 officers from the West Midlands being injured. Twenty-seven of 49 Merseyside officers who were injured were hurt policing in other areas.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Kidney failure concern after 10-hour surgery to separate Siamese twins

By Nicholas Timmins, Health Services Correspondent

One of the Siamese twins separated at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, was last night giving "cause for concern" after treatment for kidney failure by a technique at present unique to the hospital.

The other girl, who unlike her sister has a normal heart, was said to be improved but still critical after Sunday's ten-hour operation to separate the twins, born last Friday weighing 8lb 3ozs between them.

The children's mother was said to be "doing fine" at Rush Green Hospital in Essex, where the children, linked by their chests and abdomens were born by caesarian section.

Professor Lewis Spitz, Professor of Paediatric Surgery at Great Ormond Street, said yesterday there were stages in the procedure where "I thought they were both going to die. It was a very close thing." At one point one of the twins had to be given the adult eqaivalent of 200 pints of blood.

The twins were transferred on Friday and assessed on Saturday before an operation involving 28 medical, nursing and technical staff, including four general surgeons, three cardiac surgeons and four anaesthetists.

The operation, Professor Spitz said, required "two of everything" – heart monitors, anaesthetic teams, blood gas monitors and other equipment. Cardiac surgeons found that in spite of fears that the two hearts were linked they were in fact separate, although contained within one heart cavity.

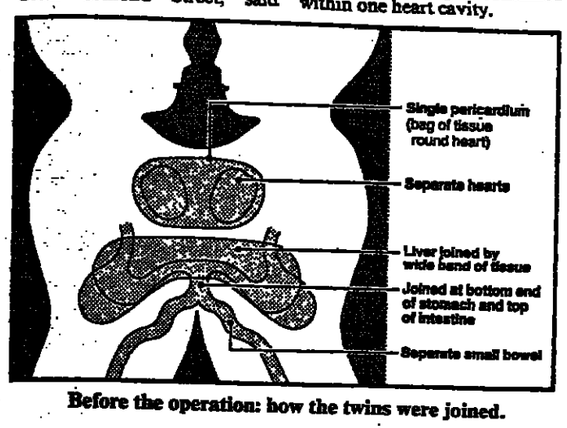
Surgeons separated the liver. One child needed about five litres of blood, the equivalent of 200 units in an adult. The common stretch of intestine below the stomach was divided and given to the baby with the normal heart. The remaining intestine of the second child was joined to its stomach and the two children were at last separated."

The baby with the heart defect has suffered kidney failure and was yesterday treated by haemofiltration, a technique in which blood is taken and passed across a semi-permeable filter allowing excess fluid and body wastes to be removed.

Although used in adults, Great Ormond Street says it is the only hospital in the UK using it on tiny babies, and the twin is only the fourth or fifth baby they have treated by it. Small babies cannot be treated by conventional dialysis.

Mr Jaroslav Stark, consultant thoracic surgeon at the hospital who in 1976 was involved in Great Ormond Street Hospital's last but unsuccessful attempt to separate Siamese twins, said the baby had a big hole in the heart and a major artery attached to the wrong chamber.

● Siamese twin boys also joined by the liver and heart cavity were born on Monday at Leeds but an operation to separate their one congenitally deformed heart at Killingbeck Hospital failed early yesterday.



Before the operation: how the twins were joined.

Teachers vote to continue strike

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Teachers' unions voted yesterday to continue their strike action while the local authority employers were pressed to answer questions about their proposed conciliator.

At a tense meeting of the seven unions there were clear divisions about tactics between the two biggest unions, whose members are striking, and the others.

The National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers both voted against going to arbitration and in favour of carrying on with strike action.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said afterwards: "It was a charade, a time-wasting exercise. I regard the decision to do nothing beyond clarification of the employers' proposals for a conciliator as time-wasting."

The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, which proposed that a claim for a flat pay rise of £1,200 go to arbitration, said that it was disappointed but not surprised that its motion was rejected.

"At the moment there is a quite serious difference of opinion about strategy", Mr Peter Smith, its deputy general secretary, said.

● More than 100 children were ordered to leave school yesterday after stopping work in a protest against the teachers' industrial action. They were among 250 youngsters who returned to the 800-pupil Broomfield Secondary School, Leigh Park, Hampshire, after walking out on Monday.

● The National Union of Teachers claimed yesterday that education standards were the best ever. It quoted figures from the Department of Education and Science showing that in 1983 more than 52 per cent of all children had O or A level passes.



Nose to nose: Mr Neil Kinnock confronting a man after Monday's incident.

Police dismiss Kinnock tomato incident

By Joe Ravitch

Police have decided not to investigate an incident which brought a confrontation between Mr Neil Kinnock and a man after a tomato was thrown at the Labour leader, spattering his suit.

Mr Kinnock disregarded an aide's advice during a visit to Haringey College, north London, on Monday, to ignore a group of eight protesters who had gathered in the car park, waving banners and shouting jeers of "scab" and "traitor".

Mr Henry Jacobs, a freelance photographer, said: "There was suddenly a loud splat, and a tomato was all over the fromt of his suit."

Mr Kinnock grabbed one young man out of the crowd and told him angrily: "This is just what the Press wants."

Labour adds fibre to joys of healthy diet

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Labour Party served up a health food recipe for Britain yesterday and attacked the Government for its mishmash approach to improving the nation's diet.

A detailed consultative document called *Food Policy – a Priority for Labour*, states: "Our objective is a simple one: a healthier, better-fed nation, and a food industry based on sane economic and environmental policies."

The policy blueprint, which includes a 19-point action plan, favours persuading the nation to eat fewer fats, sugar and salts and more fibre.

Its recommendations include an education campaign to inform people of the benefits of an improved diet, cheaper healthy foods, such as wholewheat bread and a switch of massive EEC agricultural subsidies away from the production of fatty meats and milk.

"We must enmphasize that, in attempting to set out a new policy for food, the Labour Party is not setting out to dictate what people eat. Indeed the opposite is the case. Our aim is to create the conditions in which people are encouraged and able to eat a healthier diet."

Dr Jeremy Bray, Labour MP for Motherwell South, and a Opposition spokesman on science who unveiled the document, said: "By this statement we are seeking to bring food policy and the effect of diet on health to the forefront of political debate and action."

Older Concorde pilots cannot cope

British Airways is putting an age-limit on Concorde pilots because one in four older pilots cannot cope with the fast reactions required

In future no pilot over 47½ will be allowed to transfer to Concorde. BA disclosed yesterday, partly because it costs £100,000 to train a Concorde pilot and it wants seven and a half years service from him before he retires at 55.

According to Dr Frank Preston, BA's director of medical services, about a quarter of senior pilots transferring to Concorde have failed to make the grade

Concorde cruises at about 1350 mph compared with 550 mph for a subsonic jet, but the main problems occur on take-off and landing, when Concorde's approach speed at 170 mph-180 mph is much higher than other aircraft, and the pilot needs fast reactions in any unusual occurrence.

Concorde traffic is booming, with an estimated £12 million profit last year on a turnover of around £100 million.

Jury in hotel

A Central Criminal Court jury spent their second night in an hotel last night as they consider verdicts in the trial of two alleged IRA terrorists who have denied charges of murder, attempted murder and possessing firearms and explosives with intent to endanger life.

Heart girl is in the pink

Brooke Matthews, aged five, the world's youngest heart and lung transplant patient, was yesterday sitting up in bed at Harefield Hospital in London, bright eyed and pink skinned for the first time in her life.

In Melbourne, Australia, her father, Mr Robert Matthews, was being sent for trial after denying armed robbery. He is accused of stealing £1,500 from a Macdonald hamburger bar to pay towards his daughter's operation.

The publicity surrounding Mr Matthews' arrest helped bring in donations, including £15,000 from an Australian wheat farmer, which enabled the child to be flown to England for the operation.

Mrs Deborah Matthews, the girl's mother, who has been staying with her aunt and mother in Derby since early January waiting for a donor, said at a Press conference at Harefield yesterday that her daughter had "come through it beautifully".

The operation was performed by Dr Magdi Yacoub without complications. It was his tenth heart and lung transplant.

The girl's new heart and lungs came from a child aged three and took four-and-a-half hours to transplant. She was born with most of the right side of her heart missing, and was given only a few months to live by Australian doctors because pulmonary tension was swelling blood vessels around her lungs.

Mr David Thomson, the hospital administrator, said the girl was progressing satisfactorily and breathing on her own. The transplant was especially difficult because she has had several repair operations in Melbourne, leaving a tangle of cuts and links around her organs.

Mrs Matthews said her daughter's skin was the first thing she inspected since she has always been tinged blue.

"She's lovely. She's pink from the top of her head to the tip of her toes." Brooke was "active, curious and complaining" but in no pain.

Mrs Matthews said she was "very upset" when she heard about her former husband's arrest. "I don't think this helped in any way."



Mr Robert Matthews outside Melbourne's City Court yesterday.

Diplomat to face drugs questioning

By Richard Dowden

Customs and Excise officials were able to pursue their inquiries into heroin smuggling last night after Zambia agreed to waive the immunity of a diplomat wanted for questioning

The House of Mr Godfrey Luninga, third secretary at the Zambian High Commission, was being searched by custom men last week when he claimed diplomatic status and forced them to withdraw.

Three men have been remanded in custody in connection with the case. They are Gurmit Singh Thakur, Reginald John Hourinan and Mohinder Singh Abluwallia, all of Ilford, north London.

Three jailed in heroin case

Three men were jailed yesterday after a one-year police undercover operation for conspiring to supply heroin.

The leader of the trio, Ejaz Mahmood, 34, was jailed for 12 years at Wood Green Crown Court, north London. Anjad Shah Bukham, 48, received 10 years and Shahid Ahmad, 36, was given eight years because he helped the police after his arrest. Two of the men had heroin worth £1.2 million hidden in hot water bottles when arrested.

A claim by Ahmad that heroin was imported into Britain on every flight from Pakistan, concealed in a diplomatic bag, has been described by the Pakistan embassy as "preposterous, baseless and utterly false".

Murder trial is told of lovers' secret meetings

A bank executive told a murder trial yesterday of his secret love affair with Mrs Margaret Hogg, whose body was found weighted with concrete at the bottom of England's deepest lake.

Mr Graham Ryan, aged 57, said at the Central Criminal Court that he met Mrs Hogg in 1973 and they had a "sincere and loving relationship" over four years until she disappeared in October, 1976, at the age of 37.

Mrs Hogg's husband, Mr Peter Hogg, aged 57, an airline pilot, of Mead Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, pleads not guilty to murdering his wife on October 17, 1976.

Her body was found in Wast Water, Cumbria, eight years later and she was said to have died from manual strangulation at their home.

Mr Hogg admits dumping her body in the lake, wrapped in plastic, and making a false statement for divorce.

Mr Ryan, of Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Surrey, said he first met Mrs Hogg with her husband during a business trip to America and their affair began after she had telephoned him later and suggested meeting for lunch.

They had "clandestine meetings" while her husband was flying, and spent nights together at hotels.

Replying to Mr Patrick Back, QC, for the defence, he said: "I think she wanted me to marry her." She used to get very upset and he thought it was due to her frustration.

Mr Ryan said he last saw Mrs Hogg after they had been together to a cottage in Dorset. The next day they arranged to meet in the evening but she did not arrive.

He said: "I thought she had had enough of our relationship." He did not see her again and later paid her husband's legal costs after admitting adultery with Mrs Hogg.

The jury was told earlier that she was strangled at home by her husband, who later drove her body in the boot of his car to the lake before rowing out in a dinghy to dump it tied to a block of concrete.

Detective Chief Insp Timothy Blake said Mr Hogg had made a full statement admitting that he had killed his wife and was "most co-operative".

The jury was sent home while the defence make legal submissions. The trial continues today.

Jail for theft 'to order'

Two former Rolls-Royce employees were sentenced yesterday at Warwick Crown Court to imprisonment for large-scale "theft to order" of engine components, some of which were destined for the Argentine Navy soon after the Falklands conflict.

Timothy Rigley, a stores manager, of St James's Road, Leicester, was jailed for 30 months after admitting four specimen charges of theft, and Henry McCarthy, a van driver, of Ansty Road, Coventry, was jailed for six months for stealing components.

Rigley, aged 45, was paid £22,500 for the components he stole during a seven-year period.

Libel plaintiff tells of telephone call

Mr Derek Howe, a former aide to the Prime Minister, told a High Court libel jury yesterday that he was deeply shocked when he read an article in *The Sunday Times* alleging that he tried to block an inquiry into a London housing association which owed more than £750,000 in mortgage arrears when he was on its management committee.

On the second day of the action, being defended by Times Newspapers, Mr Howe told the court how he had telephoned Mr Terry Dicks, then Hillingdon council's housing committee chairman, to "warn him about Mr McBrearty", the Greater London Council's housing chairman, who, Mr Howe said, was on the left of the Labour Party and likely to make the most out of any call by Mr Dicks for the removal of the whole of the Strongbridge management committee at a meeting the following day.

At that stage the committee consisted of a number of eminent London Conservatives. The call, Mr Howe said, was "to find out Hillingdon's position" and nothing more than "friendly advice".

Mr Howe admitted that he told Mr Dicks that it was "not in the Conservative Party's interests nor in Mr Dicks' interests within the party for him to continue co-operating with Mr McBrearty."

In cross-examination Mr Howe agreed that the committee had undertaken to the Housing Corporation to move over to "in-house" management as soon as practicably possible" in 1976 but had entered into a five-year contract with one of Mr Geoffrey Seaton's companies for "out-house" management early in 1978.

Mr Richard Rampton, counsel for the defendants, said that they were not accusing Mr Howe of any kind of criminality of illegality. "You didn't do anything of that sort and we didn't say you did", he said.

The action continues today.

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No amnesty for serious offences

COAL DISPUTE

There can be no amnesty for those who have committed serious criminal offences, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared in the Commons to loud Conservative cheers. She was pressed by several Labour MPs to reinstate all miners sacked during the coal dispute.

She made clear she believed the Labour front bench agreed with her that it was right there should be no amnesty for those who had committed serious criminal offences, whether against other miners and the property of other miners or against the property of the National Coal Board.

She believed that Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition and Mr Hattersley, Deputy Leader, agreed with that proposition.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) contended that NCB management in Scotland was not managing but mis-managing. The disruption there was caused, he said, by one woman – the Prime Minister – and one official – Mr Wheeler. He urged Mrs Thatcher to tell Mr Wheeler to call off his nonsense. Mr Wheeler had declared there would be no amnesty before the union's decision to return had be taken.

The exchanges, in which Mr Kinnock intervened on the issue of unemployment in mining areas, began when Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) asked: With all this talk of victors and vanquished in the mining tragedy, the achievement of modern mines and competitive energy prices and high productivity will be the true victory for Britain and for Britain's miners, for whom Conservative MPs retain, despite all that has happened, the greatest respect.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I agree that we want a prosperous coal industry. It is therefore necessary for the industry as a whole to convince the customer that it can supply a secure supply of coal at highly competitive prices.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk, West, Lab): The miners' strike is not yet over (Conservative shouts of "Shame") because Scottish miners in pits like Polmaise are determined not to go back until there is an undertaking to reinstate all miners sacked during the strike. (Conservative protests.)

Will she stop demanding her cruel pound of flesh, and insisting that miners are punished twice for the same alleged offence, first by the law courts and then by the kangaroo courts of MacGregor and Wheeler. Those are the men who should be sacked for vandalizing the coal industry. (Labour cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher: With certain exceptions, the return to work has been orderly and at a high rate. The strike is nearly over and I hope they will soon get back to normal working. That is the way to build a highly competitive industry.

I do not think there can be an amnesty in any way for those who have committed criminal offences (Conservative cheers).

Mr William Walker (North Tayside, C): Has the Prime Minister noticed that, despite the appalling problems created by the strike. There has been a great sense of unity in other sections of the nation and that productivity has dramatically increased in the steel industry at Ravenscraig in Scotland – an example which the coal industry now should emulate.

Mrs Thatcher: I congratulate the workers of Ravenscraig on their excellent record throughout the strike. We should congratulate the steel workers as a whole. They put up production last year in spite of the coal strike.

I agree that the strike has demonstrated the normous unity of other workers determined to carry on with their own jobs.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): Will she reflect on her reply about an amnesty? While her Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) says that it would be wrong to ask men to go back to work with those who have committed serious offences, will she take cognisance of the fact that at Comrie in Fife, Castlehill and Solsgirth, part of the Longannet complex, my men and Mr Canavan's men are saying that they will not go back to work until men who have led the strike and have been convicted of minor offences are returned to employment.

Will she use her good offices – (Conservative protests) – with the National Coal Board in Scotland to ensure that we do not have a Pontius Pilate school of management, but management which allows men to go back to work in unity and with self-respect.

Mrs Thatcher: Serious criminal acts have been committed during the dispute against both persons and property of working miners and against the property of the NCB. People who have committed such acts must expect to face the consequences.

Other matters are for the management of the NCB and when normal working is resumed, there is a procedure through which anyone can go.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Riverside, Lab): If she has any compassion, will she consider an amnesty for those miners who were defending their jobs, their communities and their families? Will she have compassion for the families and their children? If she does not, she will go down in posterity as cruel and vindictive.

Mrs Thatcher: I believe the worst discord this country has seen for a very long time has been created by the leadership of the NUM. They split their own union, family against family, brother against brother and miner against miner. There can be no amnesty for serious criminal offences. (Conservative cheers).

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: As the rate of male unemployment in the South Wales coalfield and other similar areas is now 20 per cent and more, precisely what is the Prime Minister now going to do in order to reduce unemployment in those areas?

Mrs Thatcher: If he is referring particularly to closures which may come about because of the situation in the mining industry, then of course there is the special national enterprise company which has been set up and, should it not have sufficient resources, more will be provided.

Mr Kinnock: I am talking about unemployment already existing, not just what will happen when the Prime Minister's axe falls on even more mining communities.

How can she justify, in these conditions of very high unemployment, further cuts in her own



Parry: Compassion for families of miners

programmes in job creation, training schemes and regional aid? Her whole record is one of wiping out jobs and closing down communities.

Mrs Thatcher: We shall get extra jobs when we can create more enterprise; when ordinary people can create more enterprise which produces goods and services which people will buy.

That is the way in which it has been done in countries which have been successful. We should have far more chance of reducing unemployment if MPs ceased supporting strikes and supporting increased pay claims, regardless of the effect they will have on the jobs of others.

Mr Kinnock: When? That is the question the whole country is asking. When is this miracle going to come about?

Mrs Thatcher: It will come about when our people, instead of relying on increased subsidies, do exactly what has happened in Japan and the United States – set out to create more small businesses themselves.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C): In the light of the role played by the TUC in the mining dispute, does she recognize that a considerable number of members of trade unions, the majority of whom are moderate and reasonable, now recognize that management has a duty to manage, that discussion invariably succeeds where disruption always fails, and is this not a welcome sea change from that which prevailed 10 years ago?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I saw the TUC in the closing days of the strike and they played a very helpful and constructive role.

Since we have got rid of a lot of regulations in industry as a whole, management has recovered the right and duty to manage, and that is something on which we can never compromise.

● Later, Mr Gordon Brown (Dunfermline East, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on directives from the NCB in Scotland, supported by ministers, which had led, he said, to arbitrary dismissal of 185 miners.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debate on financing of the arts and broadcasting.

Government takes extra power to control pesticides

ENVIRONMENT

The Food and Environment Protection Bill reflected the public concern for greater protection of the environment, Mr John MacGregor, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said when moving the second reading of the Bill in the Commons.

He said it dealt with the contamination of food, dumping at sea and pesticides. His department's aim had been to achieve the right balance between protecting the environment and not placing too heavy a burden on industry. He believed the Bill achieved this.

It would give the Government the powers, for the first time, to exclude certain pesticides from abroad which had not been approved in Britain. But both traders and farmers would have available a rapid clearance system to see if they could import certain products.

The first part of the Bill dealt with the contamination of food and gave greater protection to the public if food became unsuitable to eat following the release of harmful substances.

If there was a serious emission, such as in Seveso, the Government would at present have no power in law to take prompt and precautionary measures to protect the sales of food from the area of the emergency. The Bill filled this gap.

In the past the Government had relied on voluntary arrangements and, although these had worked satisfactorily, he regarded the power to take safeguarding measures as a prudent insurance policy.

Local authorities would still have a vital role to play and his officials were having discussions with the local authority associations and others so that the administrative arangements could be brought in as soon as possible after the Bill received Royal Assent.

The part of the Bill dealing with dumping at sea did not make radical changes to existing laws but would bring in valuable improvements.

It replaced the Dumping at Sea Act 1974 and would bring marine incineration specifically under control. This would meet an obligation under the Oslo Convention. Foreign vessels were used from time to time, particularly for incineration out at sea, and this measure would mean they would have to be licensed out to British fishery limits.

This Bill did not legislate to control only agro-chemicals but all pesticides now covered by the Pesticides Safety Precautions Scheme. We are concerned (He said) not only with chemicals used on farms and gardens but those used in food stores, factories, sewers, restaurants, kitchens and hospitals to kill pests and protect public health, and those used to preserve wood in houses and other buildings.

All of us benefit every day from the use of these products. The benefit of using pesticides are many and obvious – the eradication of disease, treatment of food and so on. The hazards of misuse may not be always so obvious.

The agricultural industry was extremely conscious of the importance and safety of pesticides and the figures showed an excellent safety record. But the number of concerns faced was increasing, for example what happened to pesticides in water, in the soil or as residues in food. Imports was another reason for the Government's action.

On the industry's safety record under the scheme, fatalities had happily been kept so low that it must be possible to aim to eliminate them entirely. The figure was two or three a year, and poisoning cases inspected by the health and Safety Executive in 1983 led to the identification of 12 instances on farms in which 16 Members of the public, or agricultural workers, suffered some chemical poisoning.

Mr Brynmor John, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said the



MacGregor: Prudent insurance policy

Bill improved the present unsatisfactory legal position in all the areas it dealt with and the Opposition would not try to deny it a second reading. But the measure was not wholly satisfactory.

It was an enabling measure and he did not believe that it should be left to such wide ministerial discretion. The passage of the Bill was the last opportunity the House would have to express concern not only on the form of the Bill but on the constraints of what would be proposed in regulations.

The Government had promised wide consultation and the regulations on pesticides should be produced in draft form by the time that part was considered in committee and certainly on report.

If the undertaking given by Lord Belstead, Minister of State, in the House of Lords was to be met, that the regulations would be operating by the end of the year, they must be well advanced in drafting. A month had passed since the Bill passed the Lord and there had been an opportunity to debate the Bill earlier.

Unless there was to be a long gap between the enactment of the Bill and operation of the regulations they must be hurried along.

There must be a clearer definition in the first part of the Bill of what consituted an emergency in which food might be contaminated. In that way they could avoid Government and local authorities seeking to tackle the same emergency and creating an overlap. They must do it also to avoid possible fatal hesitation as each believed the other might be tackling it.

The easy way to dispel the suspicion of local authorities about centralization would be to clarify the definition and local authority responsibilty in the Bill.

He questioned what happened when a polluter could not be identified. It was not inconceivable because water authorities in Wales had the greatest difficulty in tracking down who caused chemical pollution of waterways.

He asked for an assurance that the Holliday report on sea pollution would be implemented in full and that ideas of storing waste under the sea bed would be covered by the legislation which dealt with storage "on the sea bed".

Britain needed to review the procedure on dumping at sea. Britain was responsible for 98 per cent of the sewage dumped at sea by Oslo convention countries. In industrial waste, Britain was second behind France, but whereas that country's waste was from one industry, Britain's came from a wide range of industries.

By the end of the decade, there was a risk that Britain would be isolated in this respect.

Pesticides had conferred great benefit in food production, not only in Britain but in third world countries. There was evidence of death of birds, butterflies, bees and of damage to crops. They should not in any way risk human health.

Heedless and indiscriminate use of pesticides as in the past must cease. Their use must be at the minimum level necessary to make them effective, coupled with the maximum possible care of application.

The capacity for causing unintended harm was very great. Although they had been fortunate to date, such incidents could be major.

Trade associations welcomed compulsory registration of those who contracted to spray for others because there was no place for cowboys when dealing with poisonous substances.

They were talking about the protection of human health and the natural environment. These were matters for which the Government could not avoid its responsibility and nor should they even try to.

In the UK, overwhelmingly, spraying was done from the ground. Often too much was applied. Sometimes it was very inaccurate. That could cause damage by spray drift or vapourisation.

Too many of the appliances used were old, badly maintained or inaccurate. The continuing search for more accurate application of pesticides was vitally important.

There was some need to spray, for example upland bracken, from the air. But he was unconvinced of the need for the present volume of spraying from the air at low level.

Inter-party talks on phone tapping report

PROCEDURE

There are to be discussions between the Government and Opposition to see whether the Bridge report on telephone tapping can be made available tomorrow morning before MPs embark on the second reading of the Interception of Communications Bill.

This was made clear to MPs in the Commons by Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, who has listened to several Labour MPs complain that they would not be able to study the report before the debate although ministers would have that opportunity since the Prime Minister has said she had already received a copy.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs during Prime Minister's question time that she had received the report and would be studying it that evening.

The issue was raised on a point of order by Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs. He said the debate should be postponed until the House had had sufficient time to consider the contents of the report.

The balance of the debate would be distorted and MPs placed at an intolerable disadvantage. It was essential that this controversial Bill, whose content was fundamental to freedom in society, be properly debated.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, ruled that he was not responsible for the business of the House, but Mr Kaufman was joined in his request by six other Labour MPs, including Ms Harriet Harman (Peckham), who wanted to know about her MI5 file and whether her phone had been tapped; Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Home Secretary; and Mr Michael Foot, the former Leader of the Opposition.

In reply to Mr Foot, the Speaker said he would consider a motion for the adjournment of the debate made early in the debate.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spalding, C) said the House had good printing machines and it should be possible to produce copies of the report by later that afternoon or the evening.

● Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP had asked the Prime Minister earlier: While Lord Bridge is investigating specific cases of ministerial authorisation for phone tapping, is he going to investigate the allegations that MI5 may have gone beyond this and made phone taps without specific ministerial authorisation?

Will the Prime Minister make it clear there has been no change in the practice of making individual assessments about phone tapping, other than offices, and there is no way of giving a blanket phone tapping authorisation?

Mrs Thatcher replied that the report had arrived but she had not



Biffen: Talks through the usual channels

yet seen it and went on: With regard to any other allegations, for example of unauthorised interception, I and the Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) are accountable to Parliament for the work of the security services and it is for us to satisfy ourselves that it operates strictly in accordance with the directive. This responsibility has been fully discharged, as it has always been.

Parolee committed murder

CRIME

The rape and murder of a middle-aged spinster by a man on parole who had previously threatened to kill her, was deeply shocking and the Government would take all possible steps to prevent the recurrence of such a crime, Lord Elton, Minister of State, Home Office, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Lord Dean of Beswick (Lab) raised the issue when he asked if the Government had plans to review parole proceedings following the murder last year of Miss Zoe Wade by a prisoner on parole in Bradford?

Lord Elton replied: The Home Secretary (Mr Leon Brittan) and I were deeply shocked by this horrible crime. We have already examined very carefully the way in which the decision to release James Pollard on parole was taken. We have found that it was properly taken after careful consideration of all the information available to those who took it.

We are now consulting with the Association of Chief Police Officers to see how we can ensure that the information available for this purpose is always as helpful as possible.

Lord Dean of Beswick: The answer he has given will not in any way be accepted by the relatives of this lady and the people in the area and in a wider area as well.

When somebody can commit a brutal rape and violent assault on a woman, threaten her that if she goes to the police he will come back and murder her, be found guilty, receive a four year sentence, be paroled within 16 months, go back and carry out the very act he promised he would do, then something is wrong somewhere.

I have received no comfort from the minister's explanation of what took place.

Lord Elton: I entirely sympathize and cannot express the depth of my sympathy for the relatives of the unfortunate victim of this terrible crime.

I sought to explain that we had taken very great care with the granting of the parole. In the five years to 1983, 950 people were paroled who had committed rape and none had recommitted a crime of this nature.

Lord Dean of Beswick: This terrible, brutal and degrading crime is still on the increase. Will the Government consider making rape a non-parolable crime?

Lord Elton: I do not think we should, because of one event however disastrous, consider making every crime of that sort non-parolable, because they are very different in fact.

Lord Hunt (SDP): The number of offenders serving parole who have been recalled for committing fresh offences has been constantly no more than 5 per cent

Lord Elton: He is right to be reassuring. Whenever there is a case of this sort we do look carefully at procedure to see if there is any way that it can be improved and if there is, then it will be.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge (SDP): The courts are content with the present parole system. It is wrong to use a single disastrous incident to alter the general procedure.

Lord Elton: If prisoners were kept until the very end of their sentences in every case, then there would be no opportunity to keep them under supervision at any stage after they had been released into the community. That would reduce the protection the community now has.

More jobs to go out to tender

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State, Treasury, made clear in the Commons on Monday night that the Government is to increase its efforts to get more work in the national health service, local authorities and government put out to private contractors.

Speaking at the end of the debate on the Government's White Paper on public expenditure, he said that it was planned to introduce legislation which would require local authorities to extend the successful competitive regime for building work to a range of other services – school meals, cleaning of buildings and so on.

The Secretary of State for Social Services was actively pursuing with health authorities the possibilities for increased competitive tendering. Government departments would continue to ensure that as much departmental work as possible was subject to competition and that they identified every opportunity for competitive tendering.

They would be required to test the market for five specified services: cleaning; laundry, catering, security guarding (subject to appropriate safeguards); and some kinds of maintenance work.

They would be asked to set targets for completing this process within the next few years. The Government would be letting the Civil Service unions know about these arrangements.

No to Scottish parliament

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow Cathcart, Lab) was refused leave by 169 votes to 95 – majority against, 74 – to bring in a Bill to establish an elected Scottish Parliament with power to deal with all matters at present administrated by the Secretary of State for Scotland. It would have had tax raising powers.

If the House continued to ignore the legitimate demands of the Scottish people it would do so at its peril, Mr Maxton said.

Pressure for abolition of wages councils

EMPLOYMENT

The existance of wages councils might hold down some rates of pay as well as hold some up, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said in the Commons when pressed over the future of wages councils.

He was replying to Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) who said that wages councils had failed in their purpose and destroyed jobs for young people and the ethnic minorities and rewarded those in semi-skilled jobs at the expense of the unskilled.

Mr Bottomley: There are all kinds of interpretations that can put on the figures and all kinds of expectations put on abolition. The question facing the Government and may face this House is whether it is right to allow people to take jobs they are willing to take at the pay rates employers are willing to offer, and what kind of protection is essential.

Earlier, after he had told Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) that the Government was considering the future of wages councils, Mr Leigh said: What is the point of the Government pressing young people out of jobs and then forcing the taxpayers to price the same people into the same jobs through the youth training scheme?

It is not time to sweep away wages councils and do a service for young people? (Conservative cheers).

Mr Bottomley: His point about young people is a most important one. There are those who argue for abolition of all employment protection while they have good contracts protecting themselves.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L): For adults £70 a week is not a great wage. A socially responsible government has a duty to the most vulnerable. Can Mr Bottomley give a guarantee, at least for adults, that he will not take away this protective measure?

Mr Bottomley said there was an argument about the gap between what an unemployed person would receive and the wages council rates. This gap might be filled by willing volunteers wanting to work. It was important to help those out of work as well as to give protection to those in work.

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said many in the business community believed the abolition of the wages councils would make for greater flexibility and greater job opportunities.

Mr Bottomley said he accepted that the movement in pay rates and unit labour costs throughout the economy as well as among the lower paid was important.

Advertisement described as disgraceful

The Prime Minister agreed with Mr Marcus Fox (Shipley, C) when he asked her to condemn what he described as the scurrilous contents of a full-page advertisement inserted in *The Times* that day by the drug companies.

Is it not disgraceful (he asked) that people with a vested interest in this matter – (Labour laughter and interruptions) – should play upon the fears of the sick and the elderly in this country?

Mrs Thatcher replied: It is disgraceful they should play upon the fears of elderly people who will continue to receive the drugs they need on the NHS even if they might be in a slightly different form to that to which they have been accustomed.

It is the chemical and not the brand name which creates the cure.

Abduction Bill

Concern was growing internationally at the increasing number of children being abducted across frontiers by one or other of its parents in an effort to escape unfavourable custody orders, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said in moving the second reading in the House of Lords of the Child Abduction and Custody Bill.

More new jobs being created

UNEMPLOYMENT

Britain has turned the corner in the creation of new jobs, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Britain had 66 per cent of her population in work, a higher proportion than France, Germany or Italy.

He said that in January unemployed claimants in the UK numbered 3,341,000, representing an unemployment rate of 13.9 per cent.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) said these devastatingly bad figures hid a much worse situation in some regions such as Merseyside.

The population was falling there, so this made the percentage unemployed even greater.

Mr King said he knew the situation was significantly worse in some areas. But Mr Roberts talked as though a wand could be waved. No such wand had been available under Labour

In the last year there had been an increase in those employed of 340,000, and the corner had been turned in the creation of more jobs.

Mr King said later that when he visited the north east last week the first complaint he had from employers was of skill shortages. This brought home the importance of the Government's work on improving the job training programme.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said these fiddled answers were like the fiddled Government figures. The actual figures were 500,000 more than those announced.

The Government alleged that it was in the third year of economic recovery. Yet unemployment was at unprecedentedly high levels and employment at unprecedentedly low levels. Unemployment had increased by 1,500 jobs a week since the Conservatives took office. This had been crowned by record unemployment in the January figures.

How many unemployed from the mining industry would be included in the January unemployment figures if the Government policy of closing pits was forced through?

Mr King said there was not and unprecedentedly low employment level as Mr Prescott had mentioned the miners' strike. it would not help employment and competitiveness to have expensive fuels produced from uneconomic pits. In fact, it would be the worst blow for jobs.

Duty to set a legal rate

There would be chaos and confusion unless the GLC, the ILEA and all other relevant councils made it their duty to set a legal rate, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions in the Commons.

There could be action to surcharge and disqualify councillors and she hoped that would not happen.

She was replying to Mrs Marion Roe (Broxbourne, C) who said only seven out of 32 London boroughs had supported the GLC's threat to approve an illegal budget.

She asked Mrs Thatcher to join the majority of Londoners in urging all Labour GLC councillors to adjust the budget so that it did not exceed the limits set by the Government.

● Extra money for teachers' pay would result in fewer teachers or money being taken out of the education budget or elsewhere out of the public expenditure budget or cutting other jobs, Mrs Thatcher said in a reply to Mr Richard Needham (Wiltshire North, C) during Commons questions.

Parties split on rate capping: 1

GLC majority for complying with demands by deadline

Conservative and left-wing Labour members of the Greater London Council are relying on each other to scupper the Government's rate-capping policy. HUGH CLAYTON, Local Government Correspondent, explains the deepening party splits.

"Everything on the GLC is still up for grabs". Mr John McDonnell, Labour deputy leader of that authority, declared yesterday. But it was only the determination of some Conservative members of the council to oppose ministers that enabled him to do so.

A split vote in the GLC Labour group on Monday night was the first serious setback to the campaign against rate-capping since the party nationally adopted a policy of "non-compliance" with government rules a year ago.

The split vote means that there is now a large all-party majority on the GLC for complying with legal demands to fix a rate by the weekend

The party's troubles began in earnest at the weekend when it became clear that Labour-led London borough councils on the Government's rate-capping list would choose a route which fell far short of open defiance. They all reaffirmed yesterday at a meeting of the Association of London Authorities that they would make their decisions tomorrow.

The decisions would all be that they would be unable to make a rate until the Government abandoned rate-capping and dismantled its complicated system of grant targets and penalties.

That keeps each council well within the bounds of legality for the time being and gives it ample scope for making a decision to levy a legal rate in the spring.

Tomorrow is a key day in the process of opposing government policies towards local authorities. About 20 English councils, including all of those chosen for rate-capping, are to meet then about their rates for the financial year beginning in April.

But the GLC is one of only four of the 16 Labour councils chosen for rate-capping which are required by law to make a rate by Sunday night. The decisions of the Labour boroughs look to worried GLC members like little more than votes to reiterate to ministers claims that have been dismissed several times already.

Ministers have also reminded councillors several times that there are clear legal penalties for councillors who are found through "wilful misconduct" to have incurred unnecessary deficits with ratepayers' money.

"Disqualification from office would follow automatically if the amount concerned were over £2,000." Ambitious Labour policitians on the GLC therefore faced a dual threat of being forced to pay extra costs incurred by the most expensive council in Britain and of being barred from standing for any council or parliamentary seat.

Tomorrow: Mutinous Tories

Hepatitis risk for tourists

British tourists in Spain risk catching hepatitis if they allow themselves to be photographed with chimpanzees, a virologist said yesterday.

Commenting on a report by the World Wildlife Fund-UK that one in three of the young chimpanzees used for photographs could be an active carrier of hepatitis B, the doctor, who asked to be identified only as a senior lecturer in virology at The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London, said: "The disease is certainly transmittable by the appropriate means from chimp to man in the same way as from man to man".

The disease is spread almost exclusively by blood, so that an infected chimpanzee's bite could contaminate a human victim if, as is common in both species, there are even minute traces of blood in its mouth.

The fund reports that of nine chimpanzees tested by the New York Blood Center, three were infectious. They had been confiscated from photographers at hotels, beaches, and night-clubs in resorts such as Torremolinos and Tenerife.

£5,700 for failed sex surgery

A High Court judge yesterday awarded £5,700 damages to a man after a circumcision operation went wrong.

Mr Justice Michael Davies said that Mr Sean Hickey, aged 35, a driving instructor of Priory Street, Tonbridge, Kent, was "unquestionably a troubled and unhappy man" after the operation at the Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, Surrey, in March 1980.

Mr Hickey believed the simple operation would improve his sex life, but even after a corrective operation two months later he still complained of pain and soreness.

He was awarded the damages and costs against Croydon Area Health Authority, which had admitted partial negligence.

TUC Hitler quote in Sun was misleading

A report in *The Sun* that Mr Bill Keys, general secretary of Sogat 82, was stung into the amazing blunder of telling the 1984 Trades Union Congress: "Hitler did nothing illegal" was seriously misleading, the Press Council said today.

The council upheld a complaint against *The Sun* by Mr C. Bannon, of Derbyshire, that the report misrepresented remarks by Mr Keys.

The newspaper's managing editor, Mr Kenneth Donlan, said he was at a loss to understand the complaint. Mr Keys made the comment "Hitler did nothing illegal" in a speech calling for support for the miners.

The Press Council said that the remark was taken out of its context. The report wholly misrepresented Mr Keys' view, clearly implying that his remark was in support of Hitler.

● The *Daily Telegraph* was entitled to report that the Transport and General Workers' Union had affiliated to the British Peace Assembly, and to be critical of the fact, but it should have allowed the union to reply, the Press Council said today.

To that extent the council upheld a complaint that the newspaper improperly implied that the union's affiliation to the British Peace Assembly was decided without the involvement of paid officials and ignored its support of bodies of widely different views, and failed to rectify these points.

Law panel for children at risk

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Children at risk of violence, sexual abuse or deprivation who became involved in care proceedings will have better legal representation under a scheme launched by the Law Society yesterday in England and Wales.

A specialist panel of solicitors experienced in child-care work will be funded by the society initially for 18 months at a cost of £25,000. The initiative is because of complaints about standards of legal representation and concern about the vulnerability of children, made more acute since last May when legal aid became available for parents in such cases.

Figures for the year ending March 1982, which are the latest, show that 37,900 children came into local authority care of which about a quarter involved juvenile court proceedings. Most cases concern a child at risk of abuse or deprivation.

The panel list, just published, contains nearly 450 names. Another 350 solicitors have applied for inclusion.

Legal rights 'denied' to homeless

Local authorities are denying homeless people their rights to rehousing under the Homeless Persons Act, according to a report in *Roof*, Shelter's housing magazine (Christopher Warman writes).

Families receive only a list of guest houses and bed and breakfast accommodation in spite of their legal entitlement for urgent rehousing. The report shows that homeless families are living in bed and breakfast accommodation in small towns and rural areas throughout Britain, as well as in inner city areas.

It discloses that in a survey of such residents in Reading, 62 per cent of the families had been denied their legal rights under the Act.

Even where councils accept homeless families as a priority; more and more receive bed and breakfast accommodation

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

BBC praised for quality and efficiency in business study

By David Hewson

The BBC receives a favourable efficiency review by the accountants Peat, Marwick, Mitchell.

A study, commissioned by the corporation at the request of the Home Secretary and published yesterday, praises the BBC for commitment to quality and efficiency.

But it contains a number of organizational criticisms, and recommends that the posts of Controllers of BBC1 and BBC2 be abolished and replaced with four or five programme-area controllers.

The idea, which originated with Mr Bill Cotton, the managing director of BBC Television, could lead to another managerial reshuffle within the corporation's hierarchy.

The study's brief was to identify economies "while maintaining the range and quality of existing service." It does not consider whether the BBC should receive some of its funds from advertising, or whether the corporation should be slimmed down to cut costs.

The Home Secretary said last year that the report's findings would play an important part in his decision on the new BBC licence fee. But the breadth of opposition to the £65 per later proposed by the corporation and the lobbying for an inquiry into the BBC's future, may make the report's role in the settlement less important

The report says: "We have found, almost everywhere within the corporation a commitment to quality. We have also found much awareness of the need to seek constantly to improve efficiency and effectiveness."

All large organizations are capable of making savings and the BBC is no exception, the report adds. Its criticism is principally aimed at management procedures.

"We believe there is room for strengthening the managerial culture, so that self-criticism and awareness of resource implications are correctly balanced with artistic and technical considerations," it says.

The study took six months to prepare and is thought to have cost £250,000.

The Corporation has accepted most of the report's recommendations, but Mr Alasdair Milne, the Director-General, is thought to be opposed to scrapping the Controller of BBC1 and BBC2. The matter is still under discussion.

The BBC also rejected criticism of its inflation foreccasts for capital spending. The corporation predicts a 7 per cent annual increase, while the accountants believe that 5 per cent would be more accurate.

The report suggests the BBC could save £1.3 million a year on cleaning and £1.5 million on security by putting the services out to contract.

Staff numbers and total operating expenditure

	Establishment at March 31 1984	Total expenditure 1983-84
		£m
Television	9,265	277.6
Radio	3,243	79.9
Engineering	3,580	50.9
Central support	3,483	61.7
Network production centres and regions	6,271	133.6
Other	35	1.8
	25,877	605.5

Review plea on health service charges

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Exemptions to prescription and dental charges are anomalous, haphazard and arbitrary and need to be reviewed, research by the Policy Studies Institute has concluded.

Children are exempt from charges, regardless of how well off their parents are; while sufferers from diabetes, epilepsy and thyroid conditions are exempt but patients with equally long-term and debilitating conditions such as Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy and cancers have pay for prescriptions although treatment can be expensive, the institute says.

Data on the impact of health charges is inadequate, it adds, but although 70 per cent of prescription items are dispensed free, not all those on low income who are entitled to free prescriptions claim them.

Pensioners receive free prescriptions but not free dental treatment, and the chronically sick and disabled qualify only if they are on supplementary benefit.

Prescription and dental charges are expected to rise by another 25 per cent from April 1, bringing the prescription charge of £1.95 or £2.00.

The institute says that since 1979 the prescription charge has risen by 355 per cent, compared with a 65 per cent rise in prices.



Sophal Man, a Cambodian boy aged 11, lost to his parents for more than a decade in the turmoil that overwhelmed his country, is reunited with his parents in New York (AP reports). His mother, Mrs Sokha Mau, said that, when she saw Sophal for the first time since he was an infant, "I hugged him. I kissed him. I was very happy. I was crying". Sophal was born in 1973, two weeks after his father, Mr Phat Man, was sent to the United Nations. Mr Mau's wife, their other son, Sopha, and daughter, Sontary, went to the United States soon afterwards, leaving Sophal with his grandparents in Cambodia. When the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia, Mr Mau could not return. The grandparents were killed and no information could be found about the fate of Sophal.

Family denies it sent cash to support Mengele

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Herr Karl-Heinz Mengele, a nephew of the Auschwitz concentration camp doctor, Josef Mengele, has denied his family is sending money to a Swiss bank to support the Nazi fugitive.

Herr Mengele, head of the family agriculture machinery firm in the small Bavarian town of Günzburg, said such reports were 'stinking lies'.

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, was asked during a recent visit to Israel about the rumoured bank account and promised to investigate.

Controversy is growing here over the proposed visit in July of President Stroessner of Paraguay, who is said to have protected Mengele in Paraguay. Chancellor Kohl yesterday forthrightly rejected opposition calls for the visit to be cancelled, telling a Cabinet meeting that many visits to Bonn by foreign statesmen and visits abroad by German politicians would not take place if only human rights issues were considered.

He condemned the "double standard" of condemning small countries with undemocratic regimes more harshly than large totalitarian countries.

● LYONS: Mengele was living under his own name in a Nazi sanctuary in northern Paraguay, a French businessman was quoted as saying in a newspaper here (AP reports).

"... Mengele lives in a sector bordered by Filadelfia and Neuland... he has enough assets, so he does not have any money problems".

The businessman who wanted to be known only as Robert N. said he obtained his information from friends who lived in the region and had recognized Mengele. Children in Fididelfia had seen him accompanied by four bodyguards.

● LISBON: Portuguese police are investigating the possibility that a man in his seventies who committed suicide in a Lisbon boarding house on February 7 was Mengele (Martha de la Cal writes).

The police have contacted authorities in Germany and The Netherlands and forwarded fingerprints, but so far his identification as Mengele is "just a rumour".

● LOS ANGELES: Mr Andrija Artukovic, accused of complicity in the murder of thousands of Serbs, Jews and gypsies during World War Two, has been ordered to be returned to Yugoslavia to face trial on one count of murder (Ivor Davis writes).

The order by US Magistrate Volney Brown was the first step in what is expected to be lengthy proceedings before Mr Artukovic, aged 85, who is confined to a wheelchair, is legally blind and suffers from a heart ailment, can be sent to Yugoslavia.

'Failed' sharp shock regime extended

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The brisker "short sharp shock" regime, which is extended today to all detention centres in England and Wales, has proved "one of the most clear-cut failures of modern penal policy", Ms Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said yesterday.

The new regimes, introduced as an experiment in two detention centres in 1980, included a brisker tempo in carryiny out tasks, hard physical work, fewer privileges, less association between detainees, an earlier time for lights-out and an increased number of parades and inspections.

However, a Home Office evaluation report, published last year, concluded that the new regimes had neither reduced re-offending by those leaving the centres nor had any apparent deterrent effect on general levels of crime.

A Nacro briefing paper on the Home Office findings, published yesterday, shows that one in five of the junior trainees (aged 14 to 16) and one in ten of the older trainees (aged 17 to 20) entering the experimental centres had no previous convictions.

Home Office researchers found that the centres contained a high proportion of "difficult, unhappy and emotional individuals," from unsatisfactory environments with high levels of unemployment.

Ms Stern said: "Penal establishments have proved costly failures at diverting young people from crime. Seven out of every 10 juveniles leaving detention centres are reconvicted within two years."

Crime no more likely in one-parent homes

Teenagers from one-parent households are no more likely to be delinquent than those from two-parent families, according to a Home Office research study published yesterday.

One in eight children is estimated to be living in families with one parent, just 80 per cent of children aged from 10 to 15 are living with both natural parents and, on the same basis, it is forecast that 1.6 million children are in families which will be disrupted by divorce during the next 10 years.

Parental Supervision and Juvenile Delinquency. (Home Office Research Study 83. Stationery Office, £5.45).

Scottish art grant up by 2%

The Scottish Arts Council has received an increase of £260,000 in its grant from the Government. At £12,139,000, that is up just 2.19 per cent on last year.

Mr Gerald Elliot, the council's chairman, said in Edinburgh yesterday that they had also received an additional grant of £600,000 for 1985-86 only, to take account of recent changes in local authority responsibility for the arts.

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Ex-chef fined

Christopher O'Brien, aged 19, of Hills View, Polperro, Cornwall, who lost his job as a trainee chef at Buckingham Palace after being arrested last June, was yesterday fined £500 at Southwark Crown Court for carry a flick knife and stealing £1, but cleared of robbery.

23 changes

Twenty-three parliamentary constituencies will be affected by minor boundary changes if proposals published yesterday by the Boundary Commission for England, to take effect at the next general election, are approved.

Four die in fire

Mrs Jane Scott, aged 29, and her children Vicky, aged 10, Grant, aged 9 and Morag, aged 2, died early yesterday in a fire at their home in Faside Crescent, near Edinburgh.

Correction

The Princess of Wales visited the *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Exhibition on Monday, not the Prince, stated in early editions yesterday.

ID discs for cars near cruise base

By Pat Healy

Cambridgeshire police are to issue identity discs for display in car windscreens to people living in some of the villages near the cruise missile base at RAF Molesworth.

The passes will be available to 42 American service personnel living on a housing estate near the newly-erected main gate to Molesworth, but not to villagers living on the Northamptonshire side of the base.

The discs will enable drivers to pass through police checks to be set up in advance of mass demonstrations, and are expected to be in use in time for Easter, when Molesworth will be the focus of the annual peace movement mobilization against nuclear weapons.

The decision brought condemnation from civil liberty and peace groups yesterday. Mrs Barbara Cohen, legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties, said that it was another example of the extension of police powers.

Mgr Bruce Kent, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, said that it was not the fault of Molesworth residents or of CND that Molesworth had become the focus of protests against the international arms race.

The fault lay with the decision to base cruise missiles there, and the police needed no extra powers to deal with the resulting traffic problems.

Mr David Taylor, one of those evicted from land near the base in an overnight swoop by the Armed Forces last month, appealed to local residents not to co-operate with the disc scheme.

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32	3411	7679	2291	7038	15844	4726	36269	81644	24364
33	3032	6826	2036	6256	14083	4201	32239	72572	21648
34	2695	6068	1810	5561	12518	3734	28657	64509	19243
35	2396	5393	1609	4943	11128	3319	25473	57341	17105
36	2130	4794	1430	4394	9891	2951	22643	50970	15204
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39	1496	3367	1004	3086	6947	2072	15903	35798	10679
40	1330	2993	893	2743	6175	1842	14136	31820	9492
41	1182	2661	794	2438	5489	1637	12565	28284	8437
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43	934	2102	627	1927	4337	1294	9928	22348	6667
44	830	1869	557	1713	3855	1150	8825	19865	5926
45	738	1661	495	1522	3427	1022	7844	17658	5267
46	656	1476	440	1353	3046	909	6973	15696	4682
47	583	1312	392	1203	2708	808	6198	13952	4162
48	518	1167	348	1069	2407	718	5508	12402	3699
49	461	1037	309	950	2139	638	4897	11024	3288
50	409	922	275	845	1902	567	4353	9799	2923
51	360	811	242	743	1673	499	3831	8624	2573
52	320	720	215	661	1487	444	3405	7666	2287
53	285	641	191	587	1322	394	3027	6814	2033
54	253	569	170	522	1175	351	2691	6057	1807
55	225	506	151	464	1044	312	2392	5384	1606
56	198	445	133	408	919	274	2105	4738	1413
57	176	396	118	363	817	244	1871	4211	1256
58	156	352	105	323	726	217	1663	3743	1117
59	139	313	93	287	645	192	1478	3327	993

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UN looks at way to free Gulf captures

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

A diplomatic initiative to secure the release of all prisoners of war in the Gulf conflict was gaining momentum yesterday as members of the United Nations Security Council studied an offer made by Iraq under which the council would set up mechanism for exhanging captives with Iran.

Opening the debate on an issue which the council is confronting for the first time, Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, suggested a timetable for the exchange that would start with repatriation of sick and disabled prisoners, followed by those who have been longest in captivity.

There are an estimated 60,000 captured soldiers in Iran and Iraq and what has inspired efforts to end their captivity is the presentation of a highly critical UN report stating that widespread violations of the Geneva Convention protecting prisoners of war are a matter of course in the camps in both countries.

The group of independent experts, who returned with images of soldiers suffering from physical mistreatment and psychological abuse, said the only answer lay in complete repatriation, a move that goes beyond the provisions of the Geneva convention, which limits itself to release of ill or wounded prisoners. With the Gulf conflict at a stalemate and no signs of an end, the experts foresaw the detainees languishing in the camps indefinitely.

While political indoctrination and mental anguish were reported by the experts to be more widespread in Iranian camps, Iraq was particularly criticized for acts of physical brutality, against the Iranian detainees. In the council debate Iraq admitted that its authorities may have made mistakes in dealing with some prisoners.

Mr Aziz said the mistakes resulted from lack of experience, individual conduct or bureaucratic reasons and did not compare with Iran's mistreatment of prisoners, which was motivated by political objectives.

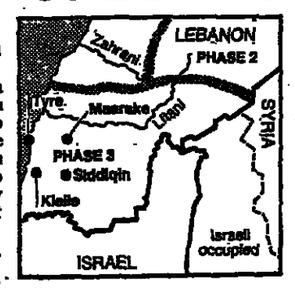
Diplomats were encouraged by the fact that, although harsh and forthright in its tone and content, the report was accepted by both Iran and Iraq, whatever the excuses, and had at least prompted discussion on ways to improve the conditions of the prisoners and attain their ultimate release. It was hoped that international pressure and concern would prevent the issue from fading quickly away.

Although Iran does not normally recognize the authority of the council on matters concerning the Gulf war, it was believed that a formula could be found allowing Tehran to work directly with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéller, the Secretary-General who himself sent the mission.

● IRANIAN WARNING: Iran told the United Nations yesterday that Iraqi attacks against its civilian areas had left it no alternative but to attack cities in Iraq (Reuter reports).

Guerrillas declare war of vengeance on Israel as bomb victims are buried

From Robert Fisk
Maarake, southern Lebanon



The anti-Israeli guerrilla movement in southern Lebanon appointed a new leadership around the village east of Tyre yesterday to replace the men killed in Monday's bomb explosion and immediately declared that the war against Israel would continue.

"There is no 'red line' now," one of their spokesman said. "This time we will attack Israel itself, and it will be a bloody line." There was little doubt that he meant what he said.

Hundreds of villagers in Maarake yesterday crowded around the heavily damaged mosque where Monday's bomb went off to listen to a series of young men in combat jackets accuse Israel of the explosion and promise reprisals. Outside the mosque, groups of youths holding two-way radios watched the crowd and then marshalled them to the hillside cemetery where the dead guerrilla leaders were buried at dusk on Monday.

It was a remarkable scene. After the ritual shouts of "Allahu Akhbar", the villagers trooped in their thousands in total silence to the communal grave where Khalil Jeradi, Muhammed Saad, Muhammod Hussein Khalil, Ahmed Roumiyeh and Ali Ghandour – the last two were not involved in the guerrilla movement – lay buried under rough stones.

For more than an hour, the people sat or stood in the same silence, occasionally talking in small groups, usually with their hands clasped in front of them and heads bowed. They believe that the Israeli Army planted the bomb, which Israel denies, and they were waiting yesterday for the revenge that the new guerrilla leadership had promised them.

Mr Daoud Daoud, one of the guerrilla movement's spokesmen from the neighbouring village of Bidias, described the bombing as "dishonourable", a curious expression for a man who approves of such methods of warfare when they are used against the Israelis, and denounced the explosion as "Israeli terrorism".

One man at the graveside said that an Israeli statement, to the effect that Israel would not use such methods of warfare, conflicted with the booby-trap bombing of a Palestinian leader in Beirut in the 1970s, which Israel did indeed admit, and the murder of an innocent man in Norway by an Israeli Mossad gang, subsequently arrested by the Norwegian police.

In Maarake yesterday such matters appeared merely academic. The crowd possessed a lack of anger, perhaps a confidence, in their mourning that was curiously similar to the street scenes in Tehran that followed the Iranian revolution.

The people of Maarake follow the 'Hezbollay' ('Party of God') militia of Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah in Beirut, but yesterday, a delegation of senior guerrilla resistance officials travelled up to Beirut through the Israili line for a conference with Mr Nabih Berri, The Shia Muslim Amal Militia leader who is also Minister of Southern Lebanon in the Lebanese Government.

The Israelis' so-called "iron fist" policy in southern Lebanon in any event now appears to be failing. The Israeli Army is currently being attacked on average 12 times a day, the highest ambush ratio since the guerrilla war began. The large number of guerrillas in Maarake yesterday suggested that the number of attacks could grow higher in the very near future.



Round-up: Israeli soldiers in Tyre take three men for interrogation after blindfolding them and strapping them to an armoured carrier. Over 30 people waiting to give blood for victims of an explosion were arrested.

Protest to Lagos on jailed Britons

Nigeria's acting High Commissioner was summoned to the Foreign Office last night and told that the condition in which two Britons are being held in a top security Lagos prison must be improved (Richard Dowden writes).

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State, told Mr Ibrahim Karfi that the two men were being held in an overcrowded cell and the food was inadequate. Their physical state is still good, but they are said to be depressed by the new conditions.

The two men, Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Patterson, employers of Bristow Helicopters, have been charged with conspiracy to steal an aircraft, though neither of them knew how to fly aircraft.

Fishermen end Iceland strike

Reykjavik (Reuter) – Iceland's 5,000 fishermen went to work after the Government interviewed to end a 15-day strike.

The men had demanded an 80 per cent increase in the minimum wage, but settled for 30 per cent after the Governmemt promised to reduce their income tax, subsidize shipboard meals and pay life assurance pension contributions.

Russians divert fuel to Maputo

Maputo (AP) – An emergency shipment of Soviet diesel fuel has arrived in Mozambique to help provide electricity after guerrilla attacks on power lines from South Africa.

Captain Boris Ptekhin of the Soviet tanker Kerch said he was heading for Italy last month when he received an urgent message directing him here. A second tanker is expected shortly.

False testimony

Washington (NYT) – Mr Paul Thayer, former Deputy Secretary of Defence, pleaded guilty in the federal district court here to obstructing justice by giving false testimony to the Securities and Exchange Commission while it was investigating whether he had engaged in illegal insider stock trading.

Two deny fraud

Salt Lake City, Utah (AP) – Divorced couple Terry and Deborah Tanner pleaded not guilty to fraud charges stemming from an international adoption ring that allegedly defrauded people in 40 states out of at least $750,000 (£714,000) on the promise of being able to adopt Mexican childen.

Abortion target

Washington – A militant anti-abortion group is believed to be responsible for a shot fired at the home of Supreme Court Justice Harry Blacknun, the target of frequent death threats since he wrote the landmark Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 legalizing abortion.

Alarm call

Madrid – Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, urged British businessmen to "wake up" to the improved opportunities for trade with Spain when it joins the EEC after he ended a two-day fact-finding mission here.

Gauguin find

Oslo (Reuter) – Austrian police have found a painting by French artist Paul Gauguin, "Basket of flowers", stolen from Norway in 1982, in a railway station locker at Innsbruck, the Oslo police announced.

Strike ruling

Bonn (Reuter) – West Germany's federal labour court declared sympathy strikes illegal and said only employees directly involved in a dispute may take industrial action.

Lendl blow

Greenwich, Connecticut (AP) – Arson ws blamed for a fire that destroyed a historic, 52-room mansion bought by tennis star Ivan Lendl.

Correction

The £7 million contract to supply agricultural chemicals referred to in a Moscow report on March 4 was won by Shell International Petroleum, not ICI.

Craxi joins Nato chorus in favour of space defence

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday joined other Nato leaders in expressing support for President Reagan's research programme into a space-based defence system.

Signor Craxi, who met the President in the White House, was the latest in a parade of European leaders to Washington in advance of next week's US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva.

During their meeting President Reagan outlined the American negotiating strategy at Geneva. He also assured the Italian leader, as he had Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, that is Strategic Defence Initiative, known as "Star Wars", was only a research programme.

The President has repeatedly stated that there would be no deployment of space weapons with out prior consultation with the Nato allies and negotiations with the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union is bitterly opposed to the US programme and has threatened to link progress in the Geneva talks to concessions by the US on space weapons.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, spelt out his country's opposition to Star Wars during a visit to Italy last week.

Before the meeting Signor Craxi said he did not know whether the president's initiative would prove technologically feasible. But "we are interested in that great reasearch commitment which will have repercussions not only on the military, but also on civilians and the economy".

During his four-day visit Signor Craxi, who is the present chariman of the European Community, will also address a joint meeting of Congress and the National Press Club

New York Times out-flanks general

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The New York Times has won a battle with the State Department's head of Politico-Military affairs, who had banned his staff from talking to a senior journalist on the newspaper after alleged leaks of classified information.

Lieutenant-General John Chain, director of the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, imposed the ban last week after Mr Leslie Gelb wrote an article concerning a US contingency plan for the "emergency" deployment of nuclear depth charges in Canada, Iceland, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. The article said their Governments had not been informed of the plan.

Mr Gelb was director of the bureau during President Carter's Administration.

General Chain, in lifting the ban on Monday, maintained that publication of the article had damaged US security. But he said that, "having accomplished enormously more than I ever expected" in focusing attention on the issue of leaks of classified information, he had rescinded the ban on Mr Gelb.

Last week General Chain ordered Mr Gelb's picture to be taken down from a wall in the bureau where it had hung with other former directors. On Monday the picture was still missing, but a sign that replaced it, accusing Mr Gelb of publishing classified information damaging to the country, was removed.

Mr Abe Rosenthal, executive editor of the newspaper, said last week that General Chain must have known that the article "contained no information that had not already been published and debated in the countries named in the story".

Chile quake relief stepped up

Santiago (Reuter) – A huge relief effort for victims of Sunday's earthquake in Chile gathered pace yesterday as appeals for help poured into the capital from stricken coastal cities and remote interior towns.

The latest government figures put the number of dead at 135, with nearly 2,000 injured and more than 150,000 with homes badly damaged. Many people spent a second night camped out in the streets as tremors continued to rumble through the country.

The Government opened emergency shelters for the homeless, but many were reluctant to abandon salvaged belongings, despite a curfew from midnight in Santiago to prevent looting and robberies.

The Archbishop of Santiago, Mgr Juan Francisco Fresno, called on people to donate food, clothes and building materials to their local churches for the victims.

President Pinochet's wife, Lucia, who heads a women's volunteer organization, appealed for help on Monday in a nationwide broadcast. The state-owned Banco del Estado opened a special account for donations.

A field hospital and other relief supplies were flown in from Peru.

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Begin signals return to political life

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

There are increasing signs that Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, plans to end months of self-imposed isolation and return to political life, at least behind the scenes of his right-wing Herut party, the dominant group in the Likud coalition.

Israel's state-controlled radio reported yesterday that Mr Begin, aged 71, planned to return to political life "soon", possibly as president or honorary chairman of Herut. It noted that, for the first time since his seclusion, the former Prime Minister had begun initiating telephone calls to Herut members from his west Jerusalem home.

Speculation about a possible comeback by one of Israel's few remaining political giants has gathered momentum

Observers note that there may be an element of wishful thinking in the excitement the reports have generated inside Herut but this is matched by reliable reports that Mr Begin's physical and mental condition has much improved. He has never publicly explained his retreat but friends say the death of his wife, and Israeli casualties in Lebanon, contributed to it.

The prospect of a Begin comeback is causing concern inside the left-wing Labour Party, where his magnetism as a popular folk hero is acknowledged.

Bush pledges continued US aid for Sudan

Khartoum (Reuter) – The United States has pledged continued support for Sudan to help solve its economic problems. President Nimeiry said yesterday after talks with Vice-President George Bush.

He told reporters Mr Bush had brought a message from President Reagan reiterating US support "and willingness to extend all assistance Sudan needs to solve its problems."

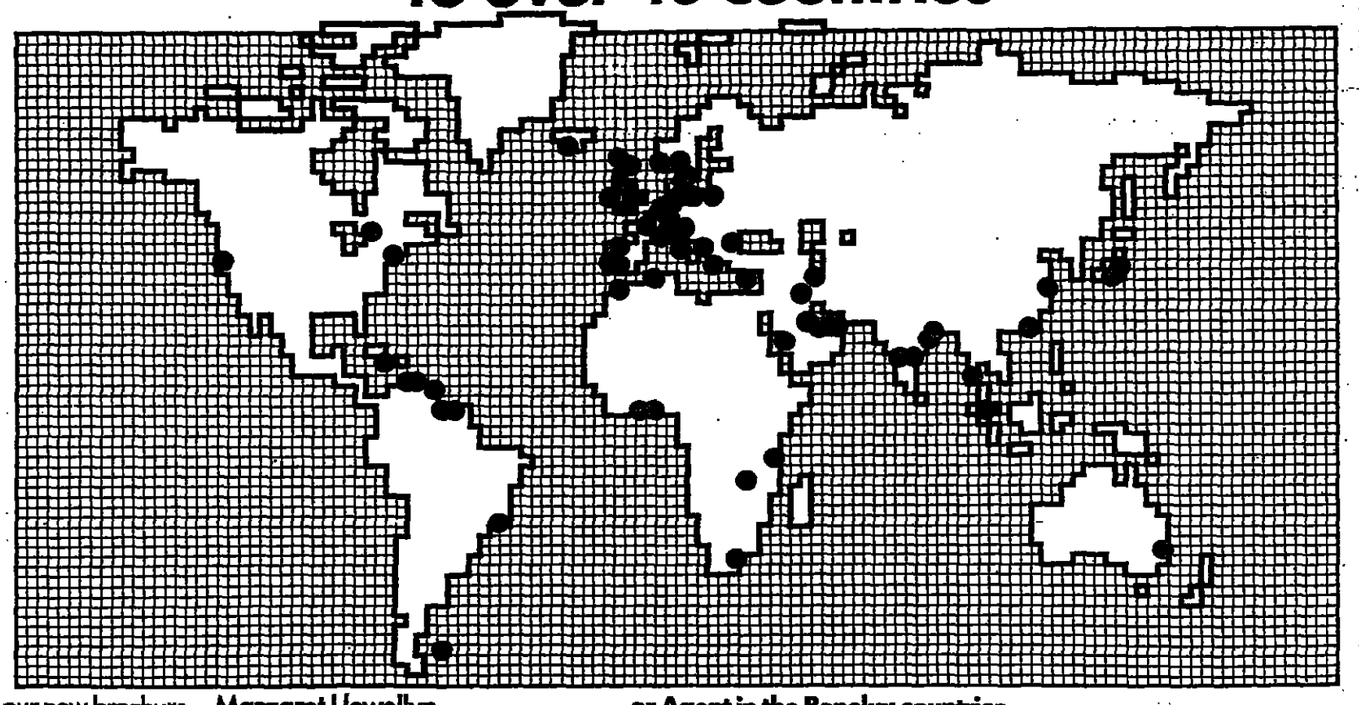
He said the visit by Mr Bush, who arrived on Monday night at the start of a tour of drought-hit African countries that will also take him to Mali and Niger, underlined close bilateral relations.

Sudan, which receives about $250 million in US aid annually, is plagued by trade and budget deficits.

President Nimeiry also told Mr Bush that an influx of hundreds of thousands of famine victims from neighbouring countries had added to Sudan's economic ills.

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Indians win claim to seized land

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The Oneida Indians of New York state have won a 15-year legal action over the illegal seizure of their ancestral lands 190 years ago. The victory sent shudders through a large area of a state that swindled Indians out of millions of acres of territory.

The Oneidas scored their triumph against two counties – Oneida and Madison – which both said that an Indian victory would be a "catastrophe", undermining land values. Much of Oneida ancestral land is privately owned.

The test case involved about 900 acres of the 100,000 acres the Oneidas lay claim to. The Supreme Court in Washington held that the two counties should be liable for illegal seizure of the land in 1793.

The Oneidas originally had 6 million acres. By 1795 they had only 100,000 acres, which New York state induced them to sell for 50 cents an acre. The deal violated a federal law forbidding purchase of Indian land without prior approval from the Federal Government.

The counties argued that the Indians should not be permitted to sue after such a long passage of time.

100 Cuban advisers quit Nicaragua in May

Havana (Reuter) – The Cuban Government said yesterday it would withdraw 100 military and security advisers from Nicaragua in May.

In a statement, it said no new Cuban military or security advisers would be sent to Nicaragua before May. The withdrawal would be carried out no matter what the US Congress decided about aid for forces fighting the left-wing Sandinista Government.

● MANAGUA: President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua said that his Government would make no further "unilateral concessions" to the United States in its attempt to normalize relations with Washington (AFP reports)

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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Lange plays down Anzus crisis

Ban 'will not affect arms talks'

Geneva (Reuter) – Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said yesterday his country's decision to ban ships that might be carrying nuclear weapons would not alter the global balance of power or affect the superpower talks opening in Geneva next week.

New Zealand's ban last month on a visit by a US navy ship has set off a crisis in the Australia-New Zealand-US Anzus military alliance. Washington has responded by cancelling several military exercises.

"Our perception is that this (nuclear ban) has not altered in any way the global nuclear balance which will be weighed in this city next week," Mr Lange told the 40-nation Geneva disarmament conference, of which both superpowers are members.

In a separate superpower forum, the Soviet Union and the United States next week will begin talks on space defences and reductions in long and medium-range nuclear weapons.

Mr Lange said New Zealand's nuclear policy had been misunderstood and misinterpreted. "The security of the South Pacific is neither directly threatened by nuclear confrontation nor is it guaranteed by nuclear weapons," he said.

Factors guiding New Zealand's action were public concern and resentment over French nuclear weapon tests in the South Pacific and the fact that New Zealand had never been part of a global or regional nuclear strategy, he added.

He said countries of the South Pacific region had made great progress towards drafting a treaty to set up a nuclear-free zone in the area and a treaty text more likely to be ready by early August.

"Once that has been settled within the region we shall look to the nuclear weapon states to co-operate with us, as they have with the states of Latin America, to make the South Pacific zone a reality."

● **MELBOURNE:** Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, will meet Mr Lange in Canberra on April 17 to discuss relations between their countries in the light of New Zealand's virtual exclusion from the Anzus treaty (Tony Duboudin writes).

Arrangements were being completed in Canberra for the summit yesterday. It is understood the meeting was arranged at Mr Lange's request.

The New Zealand High Commission in Canberra said yesterday that Mr Lange was extending a planned stopover at Sydney airport on his return from Africa to talk to Mr Hawke.

The meeting will be one of a series between Australian ministers and officials and the Anzus partners foreshadowed by the Prime Minister on Monday when he announced the cancellation of the Anzus Council meeting.

● **SINGAPORE:** Mr Lange was due here today to try to reassure the partners in another pact that disarray in the Anzus alliance will not affect them (AP reports).

"In my talks in Singapore and Malaysia, I will be emphasizing that New Zealand's anti-nuclear stance does not mean any diminution of New Zealand's interest in or commitments to our Asean (Association of South-East Asean Nations) friends," a statement issued yesterday on Mr Lange's behalf by the New Zealand High Commission he said.

In addition to Singapore and Malaysia, Asean includes Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei. There is no direct link between Anzus and Asean

Star Wars dilemma for Canada

From John Best, Ottawa

President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) may or may not prove to be the answer to United States security problems, but it has created problems for Canada's Conservative Government.

For weeks the Government has been under opposition attack for refusing to denounce the plan, popularly known as Star Wars.

On the other hand it has had to skate warily in expressing Canada's somewhat chary attitude towards Star Wars, for fear of offending or provoking the United States and perhaps endangering the budding, very special relationship between Mr Reagan and Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister.

The argument has caused painful divisions within the Mulroney Administration, with the External Affairs Department alarmed over the "destabilization" potential of Star Wars and the Defence Department more impressed with its potential to reduce the threat of nuclear war.

The official position, as explained by the External Affairs Minister, Mr Joe Clark, is a compromise. Canada agrees that it is only "prudent" for the United States to continue research on anti-missile defence systems.

Both sides emphasized that the US is not putting pressure on Canada to take nuclear weapons, and Mr Clark reiterated that his Government's policy forbids the stationing of nuclear weapons on Canadian soil. He made it clear, however, that special arrangements might have to be made in an emergency, but even then Canada reserved the right to say no.



Cross words: Grain farmers from the Mid-West demonstrating outside the Agriculture Department in Washington for higher prices and strict output controls.

Booming cities risk Bhopal disasters

By Tony Samstag

The "exploding cities of the world", in developed and developing countries, are uniformly vulnerable to industrial disasters of the kind that killed thousands in Bhopal, India, and elsewhere last year, according to a book on urban land problems published yesterday.

In *Urban Land and Shelter for the Poor*, Professor Patrick McAuslan, of Warwick University, notes that such disasters have as much to do with ways in which land is bought, sold and administered as with issues of industrial safety, because the poorest inhabitants of all cities tend to be concentrated in ghettoes that are the least desirable.

Launching the book in London Mr Brian Walker, the new president of the International Institute for Environment and Development and former head of Oxfam, described as "grotesque" the poverty statistics of underpinning census figures and said there was "no idealogical distinction" in ways in which the urban poor were treated by governments whether capitalist or communist, in developed or developing countries.

The book notes that in most large Third World cities the proportion of inhabitants living in "illegal settlements" is increasing.

Urban Land and Shelter for the Poor from Earthscan, 3 Endsleith Street, London WC1H 0DD. (£3.50).

Thais try to drive back Vietnamese invaders

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Nearly a thousand Vietnamese troops yesterday invaded north-eastern Thailand, apparently to eliminate anti-Vietnamese guerrillas at the last resistance base on the Thai-Cambodian border. Thai officers said their artillery and infantry were engaged in heavy fighting trying to drive the Vietnamese back across the border in Surin province.

There was no news of casualties at the Tatum base, which is the military headquarters of the faction which supports Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former Cambodian head of state. More than 5,000 guerrillas are said to be defending the base, which is their last stronghold on the border still intact, after Vietnam's overwhelming offensive of the past four months.

The Thai military, reacting vigorously to the latest Vietnamese incursion, are using heavy artillery and infantry patrols against the intruders. They have also told the Vietnamese they will use aircraft and tanks if the intruders do not withdraw

● **REFUGEES FLEE:** Thai officers also reported cross-border shelling by the Vietnamese at other points along the 430-mile Thia-Cambodian frontier and said it had forced Cambodian refugees in Thailand to flee deeper into the country (Reuter reports).

Indian state elections

Police round-up fails to stop violence

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The second day of polling in the Indian State elections turned out to be just as bloody as people feared, in spite of dramatically increased security precautions.

In the poverty-stricken and densely populated state of Bihar in the north, there were reports that 15 people died in shooting by police or in clashes between castes or supporters of rival candidates.

In the southern state of Andhra Pradesh three people were killed. In Andhra the police had rounded up about 500 troublemakers before the polls opened, but many areas of the state are overrun by armed left-wing guerrillas called Naxalites, named after the village of Naxalbari in west Bengal where an armed uprising started in 1967.

A policeman was badly hurt in Andhra and taken to hospital in the state capital, Hyderabad. The Chief Minister there, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, and ageing former film star, is trying to cash in on his considerabel vistory against the general stream of Indian politics in last December's parliamentary election.

He has been resisted by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who has been pointing out how ineffective the Rama Rao regime has been in helping the average Andhra citizen.

In Bihar seven people were arrested when they were found travelling in a Jeep laden with home-made bombs and a polling station presiding officer and a woman voter were seriously injured when bombs were thrown.

The capture of polling stations by armed gangs was reported from several places in Uttar Pradesh and party workers were injured in incidents in Orissa state, and Karnataka. A former chief minister of Gujarat was hurt by thrown stones in his constituency in the state's interior.

As a result of the capture of polling stations, or the tampering with ballot boxes, new polls have been ordered in 18 areas of Andhra Pradesh and 18 in Bihar. The election commission in Delhi also announced a second poll in two constituencies in Uttar Pradesh.

The only results in by late evening were from Madhya Pradesh, where the ruling Congress Party of Mr Gandhi won 52 of the 62 seats declared.



Mr Sethia: Nine charges awaiting him in London

UK requests extradition

Delhi – Britain has formally asked India to send back to London Mr Rajendra Sethia, who went bankrupt owing £170 million, a world record amount (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Extradition between Britain and India is governed by the Commonwealth Fugitive Offenders Act. Mr Martin Williams, head of chancery at the British High Commission, took details of the charges laid against Mr Sethia in London to the Foreign Ministry in Delhi. A warrant for his arrest and the facts accompanying the warrant have also been passed to the Indian police by Interpol.

Nine charges, covering June, 1983, to February, 1984, include two charges of conspiracy to obtain a pecuniary advantage by deception, five of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception, one charge under the Forgery Act of preparing a false instrument with the intention to use it, and another under the Theft Act

Bangladesh arrests total 156

Dhaka (AFP) – Police are said to have arrested at least 156 people under tightened martial law imposed in Bangladesh on Friday.

Dhaka newspapers, quoting police sources, said 76 people had been arrested for violating the five-hour night curfew in the city. The remaining 80 people were arrested for "suspicious movement" and included politicians, students and political workers, the newpapers said.

The country's two most important opposition leaders, Sheikh Hasina Wajed and Begum Khaleda Zia, were put under house arrest on Sunday, relatives and Opposition sources report. Also, the Government has ordered closure of medical and engineering colleges in Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi.

All six of the country's universities were ordered shut last Friday for an indefinite period, just before President Ershad announced that he was cancelling parliamentary elections planned for April 6, banning political activities and tightening martial law.

He also said he would hold a referendum on March 21 to seek a vote of confidence in his continued rule until national elections were held.

Bangladesh's two main Opposition alliances and the right-wing fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami party have said they would refuse to take part in any polls held while there was martial law, despite President Ershad's offer to lift it gradually.

Sikhs jailed for mutiny

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Two Sikh soldiers, the first of the muntineers who went on the rampage immediately after the seizure of the Golden Temple of Amritsar to face trial, were sentenced by court martial yesterday.

Halvidar Hari Singh and Naik Sadhu Singh, non-commissioned officers from the Sikh Regimental headquarters at Ramgarh in Bihar, were sentenced to two years "rigourous imprisonment" and dismissed from the service. They were tried for munity, desertion and effecting the desertion of others.

The Hindu commander of Ramgarh Depot was killed in the mutiny and arms and ammunition taken.

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3.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time, upon giving notice, but such a variation will not prejudice any right enjoyed by a bond holder immediately before the variation in respect of a bond then held by him.

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4.3 Interest on a bond will be capitalised on each anniversary of the date of purchase without deduction of income tax, but interest is subject to income tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue in respect of the year in which it is capitalised.

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5.1 A holder must give three calendar months notice of any application for repayment before redemption but no prior notice is required if application is made on the death of the sole bond holder. Any application for repayment of a bond must be made in writing to the National Savings Deposit Bond Office and be accompanied by the current investment certificate The period of notice will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the National Savings Deposit Bond Office.

5.2 Application may be made in accordance with paragraph 5.1 for repayment of part of a bond, including capitalised interest, but the amount to be repaid must not be less than £50, or such other figure as the Treasury may determine from time to time upon giving notice. The balance of the bond remaining after repayment, excluding interest which has not been capitalised, must be not less than the minimum holding limit which was in force at the date of application Where part of a bond has been repaid a new certificate will be issued and the remaining balance will be treated as having the same date of purchase as the original bond.

5.3 Payments will be made by crossed warrant sent by post. For the purpose of determining the amount payable in respect of a bond the date of repayment will be treated as the date on the warrant

5.4 No payment will be made in respect of a bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

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NOTICE

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4. Do you already have a National Savings Deposit Bond? YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick as appropriate) If YES please enter the Deposit Bond number shown on any of your Investment Certificates

5. Signature(s) Date

Note If the Bond is to be held jointly all the parties must sign above. Persons signing for children under 7 should also state relationship here

Soviet troops meet fierce guerrilla resistance as fighting season begins

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The two sides in the conflict in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan are manoeuvring for advantage at the start of the new fighting season. After a relatively short and dry winter, warmer weather has arrived. Already Soviet troops have been in action in the Panjshir Valley, north of Kabul, where last spring they conducted a large-scale offensive. According to Western diplomats reporting in Delhi, they have been active round the towns of Rokha and Khenj.

Meanwhile, Soviet commandos had been dropped by helicopter in the lower side valleys in an effort to clear them before a big push in the valley itself.

The diplomats suggested, however, that all did not go well for the Russians. They said the helicopters did not land but hovered while troops jumped down and that rebel defenders forced a speedy withdrawal.

Fighting in the higher Arab valley caused *substantial* casualties among the Russian troops before they were pulled out, the diplomats said. *Mujahidin* guerrillas in the valley have been causing considerable trouble to garrisons in the Panjshir outposts and supply lines.

In the east, there has been a long siege on the Pakistan border at Barikot. A force of Afghan soldiers has been bottled up in the town by *Mujahidin*.

The only supply to the little town has been by air and the Afghan Foreign Ministry has several times during the two-month siege called in Pakistan's Ambassador to protest at firing on the town and its resupply forces, which has come from across the border.

He was told that five garrison members were killed and four wounded in firing from over the border between February 18 and 22.

According to a traveller recently in Jalalabad, close to the border Soviet forces made three attempts in the past month to relieve Barikot but were forced back. According to reports in Jalalabad, more than 200 Russian troops have been killed in these attempts.

Pretoria sees big shift to towns

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

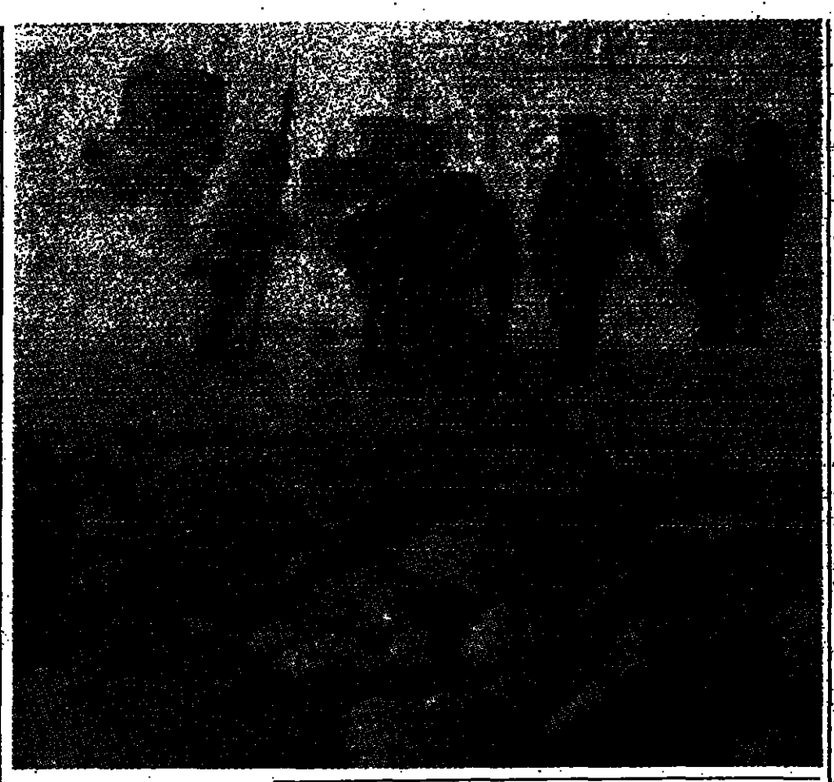
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980 and another would normally not have been due until 1990, but the 1980 findings are considered seriously out of date.

"We have a reasonably clear picture of the total population increase since 1980." Mr Neville Gouws, director of demography at the Central Statistical Services, told *The Times*. "But we believe that other information provided by the census badly needs to be updated."

The new census is expected to record a sharp shift of population in recent years from rural to urban areas. The educational levels and economic activities of Africans are also thought to have changed markedly.

The 1980 census put the total population at 28,934,500, of whom 4,528,100 were whites, 2,612,780 mixed-blood Coloureds, 821,320 Indians and 20,972,300 Africans (including an estimate for "independent" tribal homelands not covered by the census.)

According to a recent estimate by the Bureau of Market Research at the University of Pretoria, the total population had risen by mid-1983 to 31,305,607, of whom 4,822,745 were whites, 2,803,174 Coloureds, 876,000 Indians and 22,803,688 Africans.



Soviet seamen trying to save a large pod of white whales, also known as beluga whales, trapped in the ice in the Bay of Providence off the Chuket Peninsula in the east of the Soviet Union.

Pods tend to be trapped every couple of years, and die of suffocation as their pocket of water gradually freezes over.

Zia picks godfather role

In an interview published in Islamabad yesterday, President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan said he preferred to act as "godfather" instead of being the future Prime Minister (Hasan Akhtar writes).

If he were a politician he might have opted for the Prime Minister's office, he said. The interview was given to government-controlled National Press Trust newspapers.

● KARACHI (AP) – Nasir Baluch, aged 32, convicted of supplying arms to the men who hijacked a Pakistan International Airlines aircraft in *March, 1981, was hanged in* Karachi's central jail yesterday

Spain and Portugal seek way to end impasse on trade

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain and Portugal opened negotiations here yesterday, at the express wish of the European Commission in Brussels, on a new framework for trade and fishing between the two countries after they have joined the EEC.

Portuguese officials showed considerable reluctance, and adopted delaying tactics in preliminary talks in Lisbon, in the hope that the Commission in the final stages of Spain's entry negotiations would help them secure better terms than they could get alone from their neighbour.

Iberian trade for years has been strongly in Spain's favour, with Madrid arguing that Portugal's potential exports would only duplicate what is already produced in Spain.

Years of effort have brought virtually no improvement, and Portugal every now and again has resorted to curbing Spanish exports by administrative decrees.

Portuguese business and industry are already worried about the extent of the penetration of their markets by the relatively more efficient and dynamic Spaniards. They doubt whether they can take full advantage of Spain's obligation to reduce its tariff barriers. A dispute over Spaniards fishing in Portuguese waters has further complicated the trade problem.

● BRUSSELS: All cars in the EEC with engines of two litres or more would have to comply with the strictest standards for exhaust emissions in four years time, under proposals to be discussed by Community environment ministers tomorrow (Ian Murray writes).

In a speech in Brussels this week, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the Environment Commissioner, said the motor industry would be the loser if it did not rapidly face up to the fact that it had to improve standards to meet the growing demand by the public for pollution-free engines.

At the same time, he made it clear that West Germany ought not to insist on pollution controls for all cars from 1989.

The Commission compromise, which Mr Davis has visited Bonn, Paris, London and *Rome to explain*, is for a three-tiered approach which would mean all new cars would be "clean" from the middle of the 1990s.

Larger cars, which are the biggest pollution problem, would have to be clean by 1989, which would probably mean they would need a catalyst converter. However, medium-range cars – of between 1100 or 1400 ccs up to two litres – would have to comply with the standards a couple of years later so they could use the new-style engines. Smaller cars would need to be *in line by 1995*.



Mr Stanley Clinton Davis: Warning to industry.

Tanaka's illness bad news for Nakasone

From David Watts, Tokyo

The viability of the Government led by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, has been called into question with news that the illness of the former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, is worse than was first admitted.

Doctors now say Mr Tanaka suffered a cerebral infraction, rather than a slight stroke, late last month and the prognosis for his recovery is less bright.

His doctors expect it to be two or three months before he is able to resume a normal life. When he was taken to hospital last week they predicted he would be there only three or four weeks.

Three months with Japan's kingmaker, as the leader of the strongest Liberal Democratic Party faction is regarded, out of action could accelerate the emergence of the so-called new generation leadership of the party and seriously erode Mr Tanaka's influence. The last three Prime Ministers owed their office to Mr Tanaka and it was his support that ensured Mr Nakasone's re-election as party president and thus Prime Minister last year.

Just before he was admitted to hospital, Mr Tanaka's faction was shaken by the formation of a study group by Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Finance Minister, a thinly-disguised attempt to ensure a place for him in the pecking order as the next Prime Minister.

Its importance lay in the fact that it indicated Mr Tanaka's followers were becoming restive over their leader's reluctance to let one of them run for the prime ministership.

Mr Tanaka knows, however, that to let one of his men take the office would clinch the final decline of his control over his faction.

Mr Takeshita is one of a trio of hopefuls for the position

Seoul lifting its ban on dissidents

Seoul (AP, Reuter) – The South Korean Government has told the dissident leader, Mr Kim Young Sam, that a political ban on him will be lifted within the week, perhaps as early as today, Mr Kim's aides said yesterday.

The aides, who declined to be identified, said a government official visited Mr Kim at home to inform him of the lifting of the ban, imposed in 1980 in a so-called political purification drive against Mr Kim and 566 others.

The newspaper *Dong-A Ilbo*, quoting unnamed sources, reported that on Monday government and ruling party representatives also visited the dissident Mr Kim Dae Jung and some of the 14 other people who remain blacklisted, to inform them of the lifting.

However, one member of Mr Kim Dae Jung's family claimed he had no knowledge of such a visit and said Mr Kim was still under house arrest.

Meanwhile, about 500 miners and their wives yesterday seized control of South Korea's biggest coal mine, demanding a free trade union, eye-witnesses said.

The protesters in Changsong, about 110 miles from Seoul, accused their trade union leadership of being pro-government and demanded direct elections of their leaders.

Thief dents Spanish police image

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

An arms robbery at the national headquarters of the Spanish police has highlighted serious security lapses and raised the possibility that confidential files may have been removed on other occasions. Also, the incident has further damaged the image of Spain's police forces.

Last Tuesday night a man calmly parked a stolen car outside the headquarters in a space reserved for official vehicles, entered by the main door, showing an out-of-date police identity card, and walked up to the second floor without being hindered. There he examined the contents of a number of desk drawers, apparently expecting to find drugs. He walked out unchallenged, with four pistols and one revolver in his pockets, and drove away in the stolen car.

Several hours later, by coincidence, a policeman in another part of the city stopped a former member of the Civil Guard and discovered that the car he was driving had been reported stolen. A man is awaiting trial on charges of theft and illegal possession of arms.

The incident, initially hushed up by the police, came to light a few days later.

Sacked minister accuses Marcos of intolerance

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The dismissed Philippines Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, yesterday said he was sacked because President Marcos had become intolerant of opposing views and would dismiss from the Cabinet "everybody who is hot-headed".

The Labour Minister, Mr Blas Ople, could be next, Mr Tolentino said at a farewell press conference attended by 200 Foreign Ministry employees. Hours later Mr Ople submitted his resignation, but there was no immediate response from the presidential palace.

Mr Tolentino was dismissed on Monday, the day that newspapers quoted him as saying that, while Mr Marcos could appoint ambassadors and consuls, it was the Foreign Ministry alone that could designate their posts.

Mr Tolentino said no clarification was sought by the presidential palace



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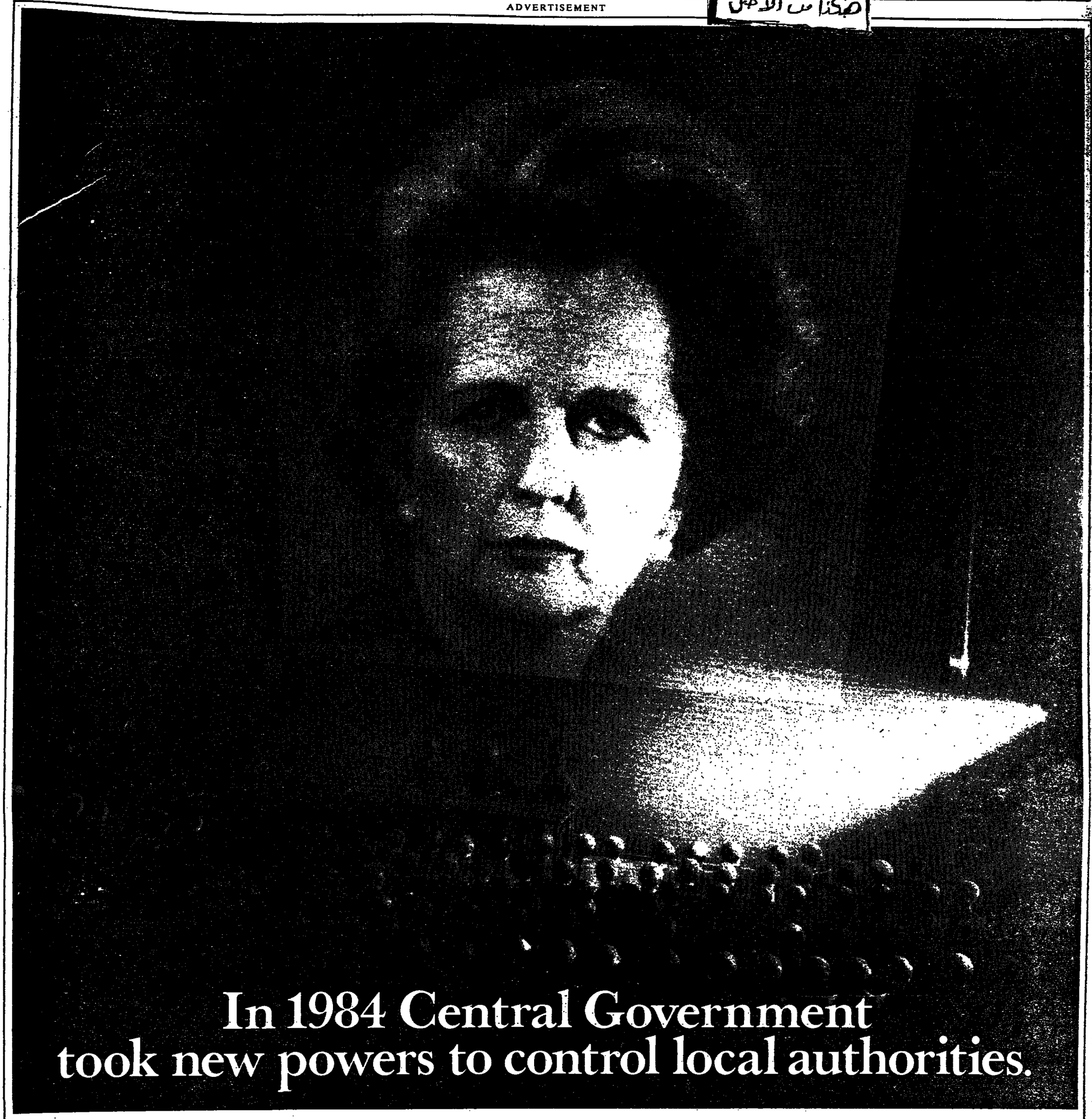
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In 1984 Central Government took new powers to control local authorities.

As the Government begins to use the powers it acquired under the 1984 Rates Act, it is worth remembering why this Act caused so much controversy when it was first presented to parliament.

Its most contentious feature was the power Central Government gained to ratecap local authorities.

Ratecapping means the Government can control the money any council can spend regardless of the effect upon local services.

Furthermore, if a council chooses to appeal against being ratecapped, the Government can also tell it exactly what it must spend its money on.

And voters in local elections who may feel a higher spending level is needed, can do nothing to change these decisions.

The stated intention of ratecapping was to hold down rates, and it would be surprising if such sweeping powers did not actually achieve this result in ratecapped areas.

But the question that needs to be answered is whether such powers are necessary or fair.

On a national basis, Central Government spending has increased 20 per cent faster than local spending, during the lifetime of the present government.

What's more, the government sponsored Audit Commission Report has found that the information Whitehall civil servants use to decide what local councils should spend is inadequate and out of date.

Not surprisingly, critics from all parties have predicted that ratecapping will complicate local finance and bring no real benefits.

In other words, the Rates Act is bad law even when judged by the government's own criteria.

But it has also given rise to other, more fundamental criticisms.

In 1984, Ian McCullum a former chairman of the Association of District Councils and a member of the Conservative party said of the Rates Act: "These plans represent state intervention in local affairs on a scale unprecedented in this century."

Ted Heath, former Conservative prime minister said: "They are powers such as we have never taken before, even in two World Wars."

And the Local Government Chronicle declared: "(The Act) concentrates Government power to an extent unparalleled in this country since local authorities were created."

Such critics know that an increase of power at the centre means fewer democratic safeguards for us all.

On the 19th February this year Patrick Jenkin the Government minister responsible for ratecapping confirmed to the Times newspaper that the hit-list of councils to be ratecapped next year could be "considerably bigger" than this year.

He also admitted that Government policies were "leading to ever more centralist solutions."

Ratecapping makes no sense.

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AIDS: The facts, the fears, the future

AIDS Is Here, Part One, appeared on this page in July 1983 when the disease was an enigma. Since then a great deal has happened. As the *New York Native* magazine put it "a nightmare may have turned into Rubic's cube". The virus has been identified – and very many more people have fallen victim to it.

In July 1983 the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta reported 1,831 cases for America and the number was doubling every six months. Now the CDC reports 8,597 cases (including 4,145 dead) with doubling reduced to every 14 months. In Britain 18 months ago the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale (CDSC), North London, reported 14 cases here. It now reports 132 cases (including 58 dead) here and we are in the six-month doubling phase.

Statistical projections from such figures have been used to indicate that by the year 2000 the number of AIDS cases could be 100 million times the population of the world, but among official bodies only West Germany's Ministry of Health believed this possible. What does seem certain, however, is that wherever AIDS occurs there will be more new cases this year than last.

In Europe, France currently leads with 260 cases, followed by West Germany (135), Belgium (65), Netherlands (42), Switzerland (41), Denmark (35), Spain (18), Austria (17), Sweden (16), Italy (14), Greece (6), Norway (5) and Finland (5). The World Health Organization at Geneva publishes updates on European figures from time to time in its Weekly Epidemiological Record.

Worldwide, no organization is collating and analysing figures. The WHO has details only for Europe. The CDSC concentrates on the British situation and the CDC on that in America. The CDC used to keep figures for the rest of the world but they gave up doing so about 18 months ago because they proved unreliable.

The number of world cases is believed to be under *12,000. The* WHO has said that in 1983 one *million children died of malaria in* Africa alone while the organization estimates 50 million new cases of syphilis worldwide every year.

AIDS attracts special attention because it appears to be a new illness, its character is uncertain, and all diagnosed with the full syndrome eventually die. None the less, although it is described as a world epidemic, nobody is studying it on a world scale.

Writing in *Reviews of Infectious Diseases* last year, Richard Krause asked the question: "Medical scientists were pathfinders in the past, but where are they today? It is my belief that clinical epidemiologists of infectious diseases are an endangered species. This neglect must change if we are to conquer AIDS and many other infections with the same success that we achieved for poliomyelitis, rubella, and rheumatic fever."

What categories of people, then, *are at risk?*

● **HOMOSEXUALS:** Dr William Harris, *head of the Special (ie VD)* Clinic at St Mary's Hospital, *Paddington, London*, says: "*We do* not have the drug abuse problem *they have in America. In Britain*, AIDS is basically a homosexual problem." Of the 132 British cases, 121 are homosexual/bisexual men, three are male haemophiliacs, six are women, two are "others".

AIDS has fuelled, though not triggered, the increasing homophobia to be seen in recent years in the press. Curiously and by contrast, radio and television have been a great deal more constructive in their approach.

The fact that the majority of AIDS patients are homosexual dramatizes the illness almost voyeuristically for the population at large which learns for the first time the extravagant promiscuity of some homosexual behaviour, while the homosexual views it somewhat differently and finds himself trapped in a gruesome equation between Love and Death.

The attempt in California to control AIDS through the wholesale closure of homosexual bathhouses and bars has been revised. These have been allowed to reopen, but with a ban on high-risk sex acts (anal sex, fellatio, *blood-biting*). *The* authorities there now agree that co-*operation with the gay community is* essential if the disease is not to be driven underground.

In Britain, homosexuals were first to respond publicly to the AIDS threat with the creation of the Terrence Higgins Trust for advice and support (tel: 01-278 8745). Privately, homosexual promiscuity has reduced. Dr Harris observes that at St Mary's the number of homosexual gonorrhoea cases has fallen in the last eight months by between *30* and 40 per cent, with no fall in heterosexual cases. It is *possible, in the developed world at* least, that the AIDS figures will fall significantly when the susceptible pool of promiscuous homosexuals has been used up through death or mutation of lifestyle – unless the disease transfers to the general population.

● **BISEXUALS:** The official designation of the highest risk category is "homosexual/bisexual men". No one knows the exact role of bisexuality in this but bisexual and married men are the greatest risk in spreading the disease into the general population. As the Kinsey Report and many subsequent *studies have confirmed, homosexual* pleasure is by no means confined to *those who would describe them*selves as homosexual. In America, the number of women believed to have contracted AIDS from male risk lovers is assessed at 62; the number of men contracting it from risk women is seven.

● **HETEROSEXUALS:** There are *many AIDS anomalies.* For example, why do haemophiliac AIDS patients not develop Kaposi's sarcoma, the skin cancer which supplies the knock-out blow for 44 per cent of homosexual AIDS patients? What co-factor is at work here?

The most extraordinary anomaly of all emerges if one looks at Africa. A form of Kaposi's sarcoma has long been one of the commonest forms of cancer in equatorial Africa. But *around the time AIDS was becom*ing visible in America the fulminant AIDS-associated sarcoma began to appear in Africa too.

Soon a pattern of disease emerged which was clinically parallel to that noticed in America and Europe, so that doctors now regard the onset of *AIDS in equatorial Africa as* contemporary with that in the *developed world.* This is AIDS as we know it and not, as has sometimes been suggested, some milder African variation. The only difference – and it is a profound one – was that the disease was associated with well-to-do heterosexuals. Homosexuality, intravenous drug abuse and haemophilia are not risk factors in Africa.

*These observations were pub*lished last year in two reports in *The Lancet*, one on Rwanda and one on Zaire. The annual AIDS rate for Kinshasa, capital of Zaire, was assessed at 17 cases per 100,000 head of population – slightly higher, the report claimed, than the incidence in America. The annual incidence postulated for Kigali, capital of Rwanda, was a remarkable *80 per 100,000.*

The African situation is poten*tially the most worrying of all when* one recalls that, for example, active or passive infection from Hepatitis B virus (frequently used as the social model for AIDS virus) has been noted in 90 per cent of the adult population of Senegal. Parasitic diseases and malnutrition are two possible co-factors for immunodepression in Africa.

What role might be played by *insect bites? Is AIDS transmissible* via mosquitoes and ticks? Or the contaminated needles of stressed medical services? None of these appears to be relevant because at present in Africa the AIDS risk factors are urban environment, relatively high income and heterosexual promiscuity.

The report on Zaire remarked that "the essentially equal proportion of *males and females would require* that transmission occurs both male-to-female and female-to-male, since one-direction transmission would soon result in an imbalance in the ratio".

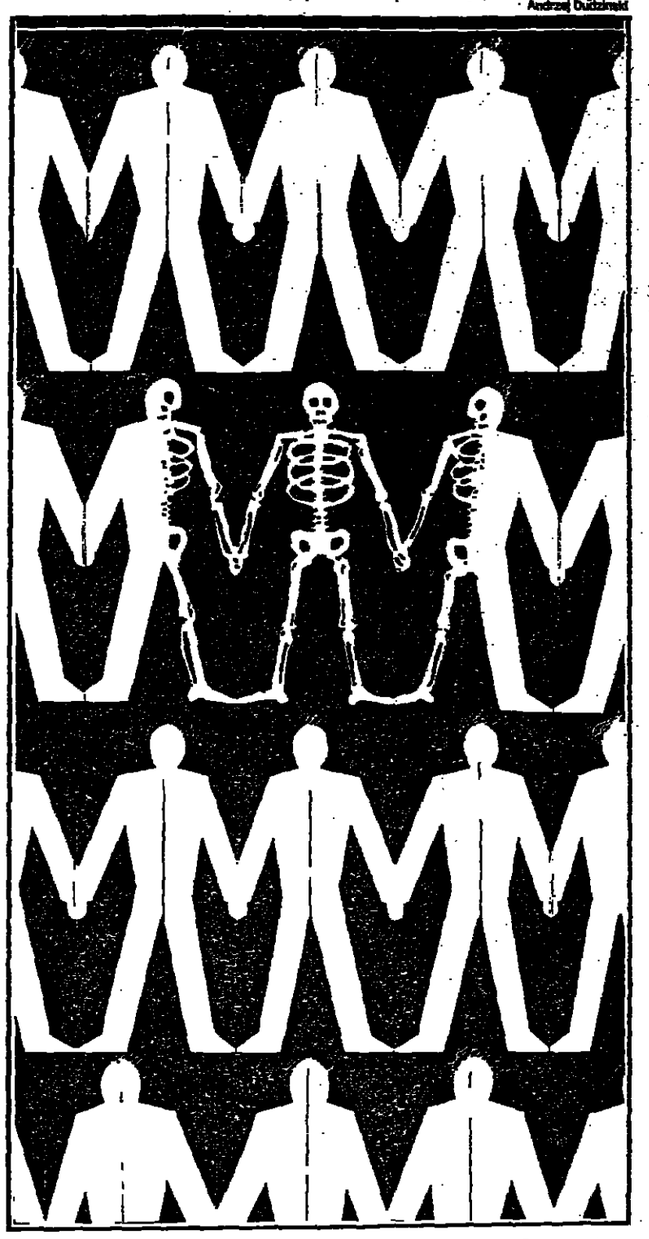
The majority of Haitian cases of AIDS are heterosexual. In America the number of AIDS cases among heterosexuals unassociated with any of the risk categories is nil – as it is in Britain.

● **WOMEN:** Women are at least risk in the developed world. The lowest risk category in any population is "lesbian". In America 558 women and 103 children under 13 years have AIDS. There are no female cases either here or in America that are unassociated with any risk category. Mothers apparently *cannot transmit it to their* unborn children but can possibly do *so during the birth process itself.*

Last year a woman died from AIDS in Paris. The only risk factor determined was a single vaginal intercourse with a Haitian in Haiti 2½ years before. Women, it seems, should be more worried about something called chlamydia, a far more common sexually-transmitted infection, of which *Newsweek* reports: "This disorder, which now strikes about three or four million Americans each year, causes sterility in *11,000 women annually*, often without producing any symptoms *that might have sent them to a* physician before the damage was done".

● **OTHERS:** Haemophiliac and *blood transfusion cases are very low.* In Britain only three haemophiliac *cases have been noted and no* transfusion cases at all. Screening of blood and heat treatment of blood products should eliminate this problem in the future.

In America, according to a recent study, virtually every haemophiliac has been exposed to the virus, but



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only a tiny percentage of these will *go on to develop AIDS. Some* 1,500 of the AIDS cases are intravenous *drug abusers; in Britain* the number of such cases is nil.

The chances of contracting AIDS except through intimate sexual or blood contact are virtually nil. There is no documented case of contracting AIDS through saliva. There is no evidence in America of AIDS spreading independently in prisons. There is no evidence from there that firemen, airline staff or passengers, undertakers, or hospital staff are occupationally at risk.

So how *infectious is it? Dr* Don Jeffries, Head of the Virology *Division at St Mary's says:* "Even in the context of a close sexual partnership, the chances of catching the virus – as measured by the acquisition of antibodies – from a partner who has AIDS, is only 50 per cent".

● **RESEARCH:** Dr Jeffries says "*One of the most impressive things* about AIDS is how quickly our knowledge has grown. The identification of the viral agent was only published in May 1984. Since that time we've learned the entire genetic structure of the virus. But vaccines *take time to develop.*" Dr Jeffries says there was a nine-year gap between the isolation of the Hepatitis B virus and the production of a vaccine. The AIDS virus has special problems, too. With Hepatitis B you have either the virus or the antibody. With AIDS it is possible to have the antibody and virus at the same time. That is, the antibody doesn't necessarily kill the virus.

The problem with all antiviral drugs is that a virus is a parasite in the cell itself. One has to find targets which enable one to *kill* the parasite without killing the host.

The AIDS virus was isolated last year by Dr Luc Monagnier in France and soon after by *Dr Robert Gallo* of America.

At present a protective *AIDS* vaccine or an antiviral drug for *those already infected is a remote* prospect. The virus is more change*able than originally* thought, thought not as adaptable as the influenza virus. For the time being a proper clinical response is the most likely way of bringing the disease under a measure of control.

●*CLINICAL PROBLEMS.*

1. **Money:** there have been no special government grants to combat AIDS but if the epidemic continues at the present rate there will have to be more funds. St Mary's, which takes more AIDS patients than any other hospital (about one third of the national total) has received special private grants for its new Jefferiss Wing, the first purpose-built unit in Britain for laboratory and clinical research into sexually-transmitted diseases.

2. **Media reporting:** Dr William Harris says: "Has the media any idea of the terrible problems it gives us through irresponsible reporting? My staff are already worried and under a lot of pressure from the patients. Then there's the lay people being frightened, the porters and cleaners, and so on, and for no good reason at all." Dr Harris is satisfied that there is no occupational hazard for his staff, but they must be careful to avoid "needlestick" accidents when using syringes and so on.

3. **Treatment:** There is no successful treatment for AIDS. Gamma interferon, Interleukin 2, changing of blood and bone marrow transplants have all been tried. The immune system may be temporarily boosted but there is always a return to the depressed state.

4. **The AIDS test:** Dr Harris says: "We don't offer antibody screening at the moment at St Mary's Clinically, in most cases, it's worse than useless. The test can show false positive. Only a small percentage anyway of those demonstrating the antibody will develop AIDS. It has also been shown that you can be anitbody negative yet still in *possession of the virus.*".

5. **Notification:** Would Dr Harris *like AIDS* to be made a notifiable disease? "No I wouldn't", he says. "It does away with confidentiality and this would ruin our contact-tracing, which is so important with something like AIDS."

AIDS AND MORTALITY: AIDS means Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome. This is a clinical definition, a state of affairs with certain variables. Dr Jeffries says: "We don't know why some people develop AIDS and die from it while others seem to be able to cope with the infection. Twenty per cent of the homosexuals who come forward are positive to the AIDS test which is based on the examination of a blood sample.

A positive result indicates that a person either has AIDS, is a symptomless carrier of the virus, has a latent infection or has had a brush *with the virus from which he's* recovered. Possession of AIDS antibodies does not protect the infected person from increased infection or against the possibility of infecting others.

"But there has been a significant number of people," says Dr Jeffries, "with AIDS antibodies plus immune disturbance who, followed up over a year or two, have gone back to normal. We don't know what these changes mean but it is very encouraging that people with at one time quite profound laboratory defects and with swollen lymph glands can return to normal." It has been suggested that only one in 10 of those infected by the AIDS virus go on to develop a more serious form of the disease.

This is quite different from the picture 18 months ago when any contracting of the AIDS virus was believed to mean certain death. It is true that no one has actually recovered from AIDS itself. But this is for a very simple reason. In order to be diagnosed as suffering from AIDS, according to the CDC's official definition of the illness, one's condition has to be so bad that death is virtually inevitable.

Eighteen months ago incubation was said to be between one and three years. Now it is said to be between six months and six years. AIDS has only been under observation for six years which suggests that an absolute incubation period, beyond which one is safe, might not exist. Perhaps one may contract the virus and live symbiotically with it forever – or it can suddenly become active at any time, even 20 years after infection, due to co-factors at present unknown.

Duncan Fallowell

The risks in testing

The announcement that the United States Government has approved a test to detect evidence of AIDS infection in blood from blood donors is *bound* to increase pressure on the Department of Health to introduce a similar test here. But the department is likely to move very cautiously – and rightly so. A screening test anything short of almost 100 per cent accurate could prove worse than useless.

Any test has to satisfy two key counts – the rate of false positives it produces (in this case, the number of positive results it gives when AIDS antibodies are not present), and the rate of false negatives (cases where AIDS antibodies or virus are present, but the test misses them).

On the evidence so far, the United States tests do not appear accurate enough.

The errors matter in part because the tests detect not the AIDS virus itself, but antibodies to it – the body's immune reaction to the presence of the virus. A positive result proves only that a donor has been exposed to AIDS virus at some time – it does not necessarily mean that the virus is present, the donor infectious, or that the donor will go on to develop the disease.

If the test produced only 1 per cent false positives, that would *mean initially rejecting 20,000* units of blood from the two *million donated annually in the* UK, with further tests on the blood and donors needed. And a huge load would be put on hospitals and laboratories by the false positives.

The other risk is from the false negatives. Unless a test is made generally available to those who suspect they may have been exposed to AIDS, before it is used to screen blood, those frightened they may have the disease may go to donor sessions to find out. If there are any false negatives, there is a risk that *blood from* donors with AIDS virus would *slip through the net.*

In Britain at least, where blood is donated voluntarily rather than for cash and high risk groups appear to have responded to the plea not to give blood, the risk of catching AIDS from a transfusion is miniscule.

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Glimpses of the great, by a man with a touch of genius



A. L. Rowse feels at home in most areas of English *history but the* Reform Club in Pall Mall is not one of them. "Look at them, all those Whiggish, Liberal types", he says. "Gladstone's there somewhere. Oh yes, there he is, up there. Not really my *cup of tea, I'm afraid. I'm a* Dizzy man myself. I'll feel much *more comfortable when I get* over to the Athenaeum. I don't really know my way about here at all. Here we are. Here's a cosy little room where we can talk."





Bevin (left): 'A wonderful man'; and Attlee, the doodler





Keynes: Rapped over Germany; and the 'great' Mrs Gandhi

The tireless old historian was down in London for a couple of days to talk, in his usual torrent of bluntness and extravagance, indiscretion and reverence, about the nature of greatness in our national figures. He had just published a book on the subject, drawing on his personal recollections of 13 twentieth century giants of politics, philosophy and literature. To discuss it with *him* – or, rather, *to hear him* discuss it at *you* – is to witness one of the most impressive litanies of dropped names this side of Manny Shinwell.

Not that Rowse, who is only just younger than the century, drops them. He picks them up and threads them into a *swirling, vorticist tapestry* which only come from one with his feet implanted equally in the arts and the politics of contemporary history.

In his speech, as in his writing, affection is tempered *with rigour:* "Bertrand Russell? Well, I suppose we have to admit that Russell possessed mathematical and philosophical genius. But he was so irresponsible, talking about things of which he knew nothing. I mean, I don't shoot my mouth off about *his* subject, and *he* should jolly well have shut up about politics."

Which brings us straight to the two central Rowse criteria for greatness, as distinct from *mere genius: responsibility, and* the shaping of history. "Some people have both. Churchill was one, Ernest Bevin another. I think the main psychological characteristic of genius is a sort of possession by a spirit. That is *the literal meaning of the word.*"

Before long we, or rather he, was back to Russell and thence to a figure nearer Rowse's era of speciality – John Milton. "Think of the rubbish that Russell thought. He once advocated dropping a nuclear bomb on Moscow – in the *1950s. Later, of course, he* denied it, but he was faced with *it by John Freeman on the BBC* and he said, very blissfully, that he'd forgotten all about it. Then, *when it was proved to him that* he *had* said it, he replied that he didn't repent of it at all. Well, I call that wicked.

"Men of the most remarkable *ability and genius will very often* think absolute rot. John Milton, for example. I *mean, he really* believed in the second coming of Jesus Christ. That's pretty dotty."

In Rowse's book, figuratively as well as literally, greatness consists of the imposition of the self upon the course of history. By his own demanding yard-*stick, therefore, only a handful* of his 13 individuals (Russell, Keynes, Bevin, Attlee, Lionel Curtis, John Buchan, H. G. Wells, Rebecca West, Elizabeth Bowen, Cyril Connolly, Evelyn Waugh, C. S. Lewis, and John Betjeman) are appropriate studies, and the thought occurs – from which he does not dissent – that the title *Glimpses of the Great*, resulted in part from the *lure of alliteration, if not from* the hyperbole of publishing.

How, *I wondered, would he* set that list in order of esteem. We had only reached number three before we were somehow transported to the Dark Lady of the Sonnets, John Florio, the Earl of Southampton, Old Uncle Montaigne et al.

Top of the pile come Bevin and Attlee, in that order. "A wonderful man, Ernest. His contribution was the greater, I suspect, since he was responsible for Marshall aid and the reconstruction of Europe, whereas Attlee (who now appears much greater than he did then) was busy keeping the Labour Pary together. Can you imagine that? Presiding over such a snake-pit?

"At party conferences you could see Attlee doodling away and not listening to a word of all *that drivel, and then suddenly* sitting up to listen when Ernest rose. When one heard him speak, one was convinced that he was intellectually right".

Third comes Keynes, although "I'm very critical about him over Germany and the Versailles Treaty. He was *wholly wrong, as were all the* Cambridge intellectuals."

As he *is not the last to point* out, Rowse, poet and historian (in that chronological order) is a rare kind of pluralist, the only other examples springing to his mind being Macaulay and the Elizabethan, Samuel Daniel. Is *Rowse himself great then?* The question had to be asked.

A *palpable pause, followed by* a late outrush of modesty: "I *think I display some of the* symptoms of genius which I was describing earlier, about being possessed for instance. Certainly, I can't stop working. The thing about great Cornishmen is that they're all only half Cornish. The trouble with me is that I'm all Cornish. Perhaps that's your answer."

The tributes of the historian have no choice but to be retrospective. So are there, if only in embryo, great people *walking among us now?* "Oh, *I* think we've already got one. I think Margaret Thatcher is a great woman. She has made her contribution to history, whether you agree with her or not. Just as Mrs Gandhi did.

"I was thinking about her this morning. I was thinking, my goodness, how frightfully able she is, understanding intellectually all those complicated questions about nuclear weapons. I suppose *it is an* advantage for her to have had a scientific training. On top of that, there's the utmost sincerity and courage there. All great people have to have integrity. Wilson had it, and Bevin, and G. M. Trevelyan. It's a quality that can knock you down".

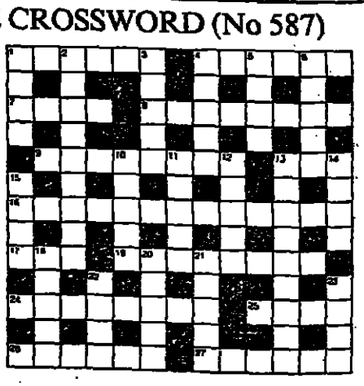
And literature. No greats there? Graham Greene? "Graham's an old friend of mine, but he's over-estimated. A distinguished novelist, but I don't *care for all his* preachy preachy stuff. I like the lighter ones".

And music. Tippett? "I should have thought he's on the way. But you know, *one day he* said something awful and absolutely demeaning about Elgar. He belonged to the other school, of course. I said: 'Michael, you wait till you've composed anything half as good before you say things like that'."

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Chinese meal that's fit for an emperor

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole tasted the best of traditional Chinese cuisine at a lavish three-day banquet in Hong Kong, modelled on the style of Imperial China. Here she recalls the experience and shows how to make some of the special dishes

When 30 professional omnivores are gathered together in Hong Kong for a Chinese imperial banquet the menu, you may be sure, will stretch gastronomic curiosity to its limits. And when The Mandarin, one of the best hotels in the world, invites you to its 21st birthday feast with a dinner stretching over three consecutive evenings, expectation of delight is as high as it can be.

At the most frivolous level, the meals were an assault course of those odd and sometimes tasteless ingredients which are much prized by the Chinese for their texture or, ostentatiously, for their rarity and consequent expense.

So there were braised bears' paws, sautéed wild ducks' tongues, snow frogs' ovaries with fresh ginseng, birds' nest, bamboo fungus, sea cucumber, sturgeon maw, cive, crane and cordyceps – this last a curiosity even by oriental standards since it is said to be a worm in winter and a plant in summer and to move, when no one is looking, from one place to another. In its dried and reconstituted form it looks like stretched caterpillars. At two cordyceps down and what looked life nine to go, it was a relief to learn that their tonic properties are imparted to the cooking liquid and that good manners did not require them all to be eaten.

Shark's fin made an appearance at every meal and, speaking only for myself, I was thankful that live monkey brain turned up at none. I put my faith in the theory that this is a dish of satirical literary fiction not hard historical fact; that it is a fable of imperial extravagance and vulgarity.

Evidence for the dishes served at 17th-century banquets is based not on written recipes but has been deduced from shopping lists, household accounts and traditional cooking methods.

Was it the excellence of Cantonese cooking that led the Ching dynasty Emperor Kanghsi to take his retinue on six tours of the southern Chinese provinces between 1684 and 1707? Happily this was a period of prosperity because the burden on local officials, obliged to entertain the Emperor and his vast household of family and palace officers and servants, must have been huge. What the travelling emperors are known to have relished was escaping from the stifling protocol of Peking. Out of town the royal family could eat, drink and relax together as they were not permitted to do in the capital.

It was in Ching dynasty Peking that two separate banqueting traditions merged. The Man banquets of the ruling Manchus and the Han banquets of the local Han Chinese evolved into the Man Han imperial banquets, and the proper number of dishes for these occasions became fixed at 365.

A dish for every day of the year served at a three-day feast of two meals a day, with entertainments in between, was not the beastly blow-out that specification conjures in western minds nurtured on Roman requirements for a vomitorium at their bigger bashes.



Austere rules governed imperial banquets. Not all the dishes were intended for consumption, apparently, and some were made simply for show, as decorations. Elaborately sculpted food offerings were made to the gods. Costumes, furniture, dishes, decorations and chopsticks were all of the finest and most propitious design, colour and materials, and the boom of gongs punctuated the proceedings.

Then, as at The Mandarin's birthday banquet last month, guests took pleasure in the poetry and wordplay of sounds in the Chinese language, and in the association of certain foods with specific virtues, as well as in the excellence of the dishes before them.

Thus the characters that denote a dish of sautéed shredded turtle with bamboo shoots and black mushrooms may also be read, poetically, as green willow on a falling wave. Likewise, by a process of sympathetic magic, the eating of bears' paws is believed to give strength – the might of the bears being symbolic of an emperor's power over his domains.

As a chance to appreciate some excellent cooking and to taste dishes that cannot be ordered casually, the event was full of interest and reward. It was also tantalizing. Were the translucent prawns carved in white turnip and poised on wires round a silver dish of emerald shrimps, like the tremblant bits on a tiara, a thing of wit or a thing of beauty in Chinese eyes? Every answer seemed to raise another question.

Although I would not have missed trying one of the special dishes esteemed for its rare or exotic ingredients, the ones I enjoyed most at the time and have cooked since returning were based on fairly ordinary fresh foodstuffs.

The dishes which follow are recipes evolved from eating them at the banquet, watching them being cooked again afterwards, scaling down and modifying chef Lam Sing-Lun's instructions which were foggy in the true chefs' tradition and finally, cooking them with the ingredients available here. I was rather chuffed with the results and hope you enjoy them too.

Stir-fried milk is a Chinese version of scrambled eggs. The banquet menu said of the dish: "Stir-fried fresh milk with crab coral and olive seeds is one of the most challenging dishes to perfect. Only a master chef with a magical flair for controlling heat can create the delicate soufflé-like texture." Take heart and try. The same goes for scrambled egg.

Crab coral is crab roe, of course, but there will not be any about for another couple of months yet. Olive seeds are not a problem because pine kernels taste very much the same and are easily available.

Stir-fried milk with pine nuts
Serves two to four

30g (1 oz) cooked white crab meat (optional)
4 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon cornflour
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon sugar
3 egg whites
150 ml (¼ pint) double cream
1 tablespoon pine kernels
15g (½ oz) rice vermicelli (rice noodles)
Groundnut (peanut) or sunflower oil for deep frying
1-2 tablespoons crab coral (optional)
1-2 sprigs coriander leaves

The crab meat can be used to flavour the milk or incorporated into the egg mixture. I prefer the former and heat the milk and crab together to boiling point, leave to cool, then strain and discard the crab.

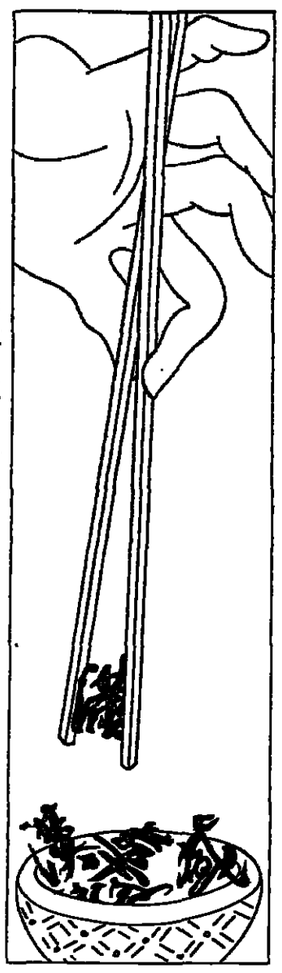
Mix the flavoured milk with the cornflour, salt and sugar until smooth, then beat in the egg whites and finally the cream. Set aside until needed.



Heat deep oil in a wok until very hot (200°C/400°F). Drop in the noodles which will immediately swell and crisp dramatically. Take them out at once, drain them and keep warm. Fry the pine kernels briefly in the oil, remove and drain. Pour the hot oil (carefully because this is very hot indeed) into a large dry pan or metal casserole.

The egg mixture is cooked on what, for wok cooking, is a low heat, and the wok is greased with just a film of oil. Pour a third of the egg mixture into the wok. Tip the wok to move the puddle of uncooked egg to one side. Shir up the lightly cooked egg with a wok scoop and tip the wok again to move the uncooked egg. Transfer the cooked egg to a warm dish and shir up the next bit. The cooked egg should not be browned at all, but finish in soft, tender folds. Cook the remaining egg the same way.

To serve, put the crisp noodles in the bottom of one or more bowls and top with stir-fried milk. Scatter the pine kernels and coriander leaves over the milk.



If you have crab coral as an additional garnish, blanch the semi-liquid coral in boiling water for half a minute to firm it up. Drain and scatter it over the stir-fried milk.

The pale green tint given to emerald shrimps by marinating them in spinach juice is essentially a novelty. I think the real interest in this delicately flavoured recipe lies in the method of preparing and cooking the raw shrimps which results in their flesh being crisp and sweet tasting. It is a very good treatment for raw frozen prawns which are the only kind most us of can buy.

To finish the next recipe, dragon well green tea tendrils from Han Chow can be found in oriental grocers. You may not find the very best quality tendrils, but tea labelled Lung Cheng or Loong Tseng is the same type.

Emerald shrimps with green tea tendrils
Serves four

450g (1lb) raw prawns, thawed and peeled
To marinate
225g (8oz) fresh spinach
2-4 tablespoons water
1 egg white
1 tablespoon cornflour
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon sugar
To finish
1 to 2 tablespoons rice wine or dry sherry
1 tablespoon Lung Cheng tea tendrils

Wash the spinach and chop it finely, stems and all, in a food processor or blender. Work it to a smooth paste with a little water. Strain the bright green juice through a fine sieve and mix it with the egg white, cornflour, salt and sugar. Mix the raw peeled prawns into the marinade, cover and refrigerate for at least five hours: 24 hours is better still as long as the shellfish are refrigerated.



Drain the prawns of their marinade and blanch them in rapidly boiling salted water. Tip them all in at once and remove them, again all at once, as soon as the water returns to the boil. Bring it back to the boil as fast as you can.

At this stage the drained prawns can be set aside for up to 15 minutes at room temperature. Just before serving them, plunge them for no more than 15 seconds into deep oil heated to 200°C/400°F.

Have ready a metal colander over a large pan so that the prawns can all be drained at once by tipping the oil into the colander.

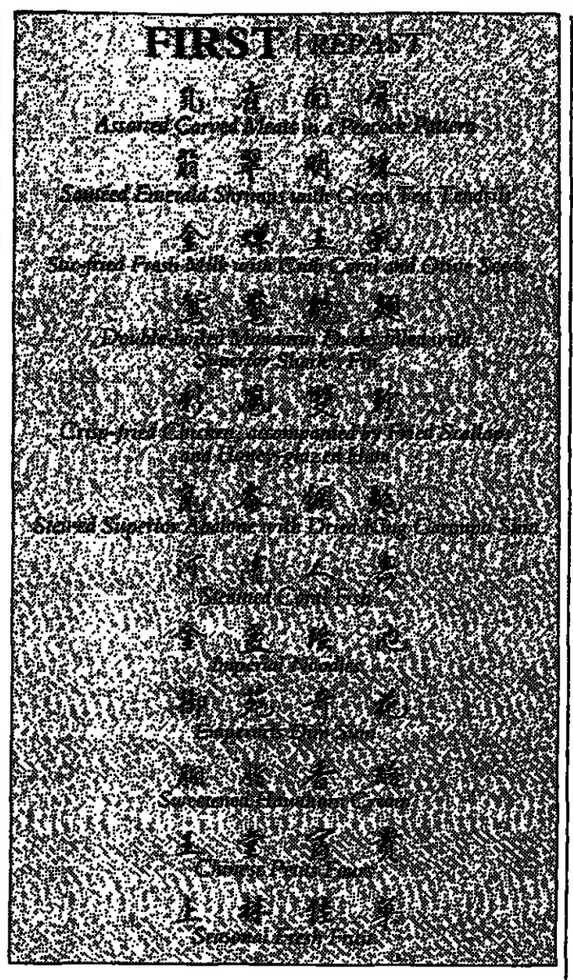
Return the prawns to the wok and turn them with the tea leaves and sherry for a moment or two. Serve immediately.

Another dish that was widely enjoyed at the imperial banquet was sautéed fresh lobster and sliced supreme of partridge, a Chinese version of "surf and turf", as Americans call a combined plate of steak and lobster. It goes without saying that the Chinese version was delicate and delicious.

As partridge have just gone out of season and space grows tight I shall say only that the lobster was taken out of the shell raw and briefly stir-fried with light seasoning. The boned partridge breast was given a simple treatment which, if applied to chicken, will have everyone guessing what the interesting mystery taste is.

Shrimp paste, a grey-pink condiment made from ground shrimps fermented in brine is the answer, and can be found in oriental grocers. About 1 teaspoon of the paste to 2 tablespoons of light, that is thin, soy sauce is used to marinate the skinned and boned breast meat for about an hour. Then it is dried, egged and breadcrumbed twice and deep-fried for about three minutes in hot oil. The cooked supremes were cut in diagonal slices and served in a bowl with the lobster. Try them whole with a salad or other vegetables.

The block set into the text is Shona Crawford Poole's name in Chinese.



Second beltings

TALKBACK

From Mr Zbigniew Marek, Reading, Berkshire.

Further to your Wednesday Page article on February 27 revealing the outcome of *The Times* MORI poll regarding corporal punishment in schools, may I beg the opponents of the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill to ponder on the following points:

I believe it is universally accepted that while at school, academic qualifications gained or otherwise, a child is being, arguably, prepared for integration into adult society. By virtue of parental attitudes, that child may or may not be subject to behavioural discipline in the home, be it physical or withdrawal or privileges – going out, pocket money, etc. By that token, the child's reaction to consequential punishment for misdemeanors will be influential in its behaviour at school.

Moreover, if parents express no intention of complying with registering their objection to or acceptance of corporal punishment, it becomes apparent that the school will be forced to make a controversial decision regarding disciplining the offender.

Finally, on a personal note, I was slippered once and caned twice while at school, and upon informing my parents only received second helpings.

Parental failure

From Viviane Haselup, Sevenoaks, Kent.

After 20 otherwise happy years in this country, I am still saddened to notice that the British do not really "like" children.

The majority in favour of caning surely reflects the fact that parents have failed to bring up their children to a reasonable standard of discipline by the time they reach school age, and are merely "passing the buck" to the teachers.

In Belgium, parents are definitely stricter with their progeny and corporal punishment is meted out at home. As a child, I attended boarding school and private day schools, and if any misdemeanour occurred the child was either made to stay on at school with extra homework, the parents having been forewarned or, horror of horrors, the parents were called to the school – and retribution would soon follow.

Perhaps the fact that my children, now 17 and 18, have never been caned in their respective schools would indicate that loving and disciplining are like roast beef and Yorkshire pudding: you can't have one without the other.

Fair's fair

From Mrs Mauricette E. Scheurer, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

Caning should be reserved for punishment of the kind of behaviour that might be subject to criminal prosecution if the child was older.

I do, however, most emphatically condemn a system in which corporal punishment could be applied to some children and not to others within the same school – it is often parents of children who misbehave the most who are the keenest to protect them.

Maybe the only way to restore fairness is to restrict corporal punishment to the most serious offences and to offer parents the alternative of the child's expulsion.

Dorothy puts the clock back

Sally Brompton meets Dorothy Tutin who returns to the West End tomorrow



Dorothy Tutin: From sweet sixteen to middle age

At an age when most actresses are resigned to playing character parts or *grandes dames*, Dorothy Tutin is celebrating her West End rebirth as a 16-year-old girl. Her delicate portrayal of Deborah, the sleeping sickness victim aroused from a 29-year coma with the mind and memory of a teenager and the body of a middle-aged woman, was acclaimed when Harold Pinter's *A Kind of Alaska* was shown on television recently. Now it is to open at the Duchess Theatre tomorrow as one of three Pinter plays jointly entitled *Other Places*.

Apart from a brief run in *Reflections* at the Haymarket in 1980 it will be Dorothy Tutin's first appearance on the West End stage for over 10 years. Considering that she has been consistently hailed as one of our finest actresses, Dorothy Tutin's career has flourished in waves. As long ago as 1953, when she was only 23, the highly-critical Kenneth Tynan described her performance in Graham Greene's *The Living Room* as "ablaze like a diamond in a mine" but her classic performances as most of Shakespeare's leading ladies caused many people to overlook her contemporary successes in such things as *A Month in The Country* and *I Am A Camera*.

None of the nail-biting gaps in her acting life have been deliberate. "I didn't work when my children were young but I don't remember turning anything down", she says. "I'm quite happy not working for about a fortnight but then comes this ghastly feeling of 'well, nothing's happened; is there any reason why anything should?' "

She poured tea from a chrome pot between shows in her drab dressing-room at Croydon's Ashcroft Theatre during the pre-West End run of *Other Places*. The childish vulnerability of Deborah still clung, caused not entirely by the pale blue calico stage nightdress she wore. There is something curiously childlike about Dorothy Tutin which belies her maturity.

"It's an amazingly odd part to have", she says. "The years of playing juveniles are long gone and yet here you are again a teenager, a child. It's not as difficult as you might think if you're middle-aged and feel quite young. I don't feel wildly mature and you probably have clearer memories of yourself between the ages of 14 and 16 than at almost any other age. That's the time when you're most clear, least muddled."

Her own childhood was fairly solitary. An only child, she was evacuated to Harrogate from London during the war and at the age of nine was amusing herself by catching buses, going for long walks and calling in at little cafés to order baked beans on toast.

After two terms at drama school Dorothy Tutin wanted to give up. "I terribly wanted to be good at something and thought 'I'm not going to be any good as an actress'."

At 20, Dorothy joined the Bristol Old Vic and remembers one role which included "a very rude scene on a bed". She recalls: "I was so young I didn't know what I was talking about so I said everything with innuendo and hoped I'd get away with it.

"The more you find out about acting the more difficult it becomes and the less satisfied you are. With each part you start again. It's no good saying 'I've had so many years experience I ought to be good at it now'."

Despite her insecurities and ruthless self-criticism – "you're inevitably your own most severe critic, but you must not destroy yourself in the process" – there have been wonderful moments. Like the time she was sent the part of Rose Pemberton in *The Living Room*, just when she had decided that her career had come to an end. It was after she had played opposite John Gielgud in *Much Ado About Nothing* in the early 1950s. "It was a wonderful production but I was absolutely awful. I lost all my confidence and I can remember the bleakness of thinking 'well, I don't see anything else cropping up'.

"Then I was sent *The Living Room*. I remember reading it on the train into Waterloo and my heart beating with excitement because I wanted to play that girl so badly. Just when I thought I had no more ambition, I had an ambition to play this role."

She recently starred as Sarah Bernhardt in *After the Lions* in Manchester. "It was an impossible part, terribly difficult" she says. "Sarah Bernhardt was such an *actressy* actress and playing her gave me a sort of theatrical courage that I had always lacked. I felt I could do anything, and it was maddening when nothing came up afterwards. Two months later I'd lost that urge. I've forgotten what the feeling was. But I know it was very positive."

Dorothy has always been uncompetitive and therefore useless at auditions. Even as a child she was unable to compete. At the age of nine she was made captain of her school tennis team and immediately went to pieces. "I forgot how to play strokes that had previously come quite naturally to me" she says. "I fell apart". It wasn't until she was forced to resign the captaincy that her game improved again.

She is married to actor Derek Waring, who is currently working on a television series. Their 18-year-old son is reading law at Cambridge, while daughter Amanda, 19, has become an actress too.

Her own ambitions remain as they have always been – to do what she does well. "I'd like to play frightfully eccentric, wild, odd tramp-like women", she muses.

THE TIMES Saturday

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Special clearance

Even the Tory majority on the Commons Home Affairs committee which has been investigating the investigators are going to be embarrassed by the draft report on their inquiries. They have been trying to decide whether the Special Branch is "a threat to civil liberties" or whether such allegations are "groundless mythology". The draft request, leaked to the Diary, *manages to exonerate the Special* Branches on all counts. It does not uphold – indeed it barely mentions – a single criticism of any Special Branch activity made to the committee by the National Council for Civil Liberties, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the former Devon and Cornwall chief constable, John Alderson, and others. And it makes only one recommendation – a *minor* change in the wording of the definition *of "subversive"*. Its *inevitable* conclusion is that the claims were indeed "groundless myths". The committee, whose Labour members publicly suspected a whitewash before their work began, was due to convene today for what was bound to be a stormy meeting to discuss the report. The meeting has been put *off, however: it clashes with the* second reading of the phone-tapping bill.

Noms de paix

Exactly who Southwark Crown Court has just sent to the Hollesley Bay youth custody centre for throwing paint at the Ministry of Defence I have no idea. It was not, however, David Kelbie, the name the 19-year-old offender from "*Faslane peace camp*" *gave the* court. David Kelbie is in fact the sheriff at Dumbarton court who frequently sits in judgement on those arrested at the camp outside the Faslane nuclear submarine base. It was also he who last year rumbled a defendant from the camp who had given her name as Karen Silkwood, the American "nuclear martyr".

● ***Another swingeing attack on local government profligacy. The Audit Commission has told Swansea City Council that by buying cheaper vegetable oil it could save . . . £2 a year. Furthermore, by using a different make of battery, it would save £4.***

Cross currents

As 60 trade unionists and politicians sailed up the Thames on Monday to *launch TUC Democracy Week*, a police launch drew alongside and ordered *the Nupe sponsored* riverboat to drop anchor. Two officers leapt aboard, eyed a placard proclaiming "Ratecapping Means Cuts" and informed the organizers that demonstrations – afloat or on foot – within a mile of Parliament are banned while the House is sitting. The trade unionists had trouble persuading them that it was, in fact, a press conference, one activist said afterwards. Just one journal had sent a representative: *the Catholic Herald.*

Polls apart

Treat sceptically the GLC slogan "74% Say No" emblazoned across London. That was indeed the result of a Harris poll for Thames TV last autumn. At the same time, however, MORI conducted its fourth poll for the GLC. The first three, in April, *May and July*, showed 62, 64 and 66 per cent respectively against abolition. *The fourth was never* published. Why not? Because the results of the Thames poll were *much* better, admits a GLC spokesman. And because the MORI poll showed a 'marginal decline" in support. How "marginal" he will not say.

Stopping short

Organizers of National No Smoking *Day on March 20 have placed an ad* in today's *Times* personal column in a desperate attempt to find "stars" ready to set an example. They did have five lined up – but actors Ian McKellen and Robert Powell, singer Bonny Tyler and comedian Billy Connolly couldn't wait and gave up prematurely.

Write on

Despite Edinburgh University authorities' refusal to allow Nelson Mandela to stand in Friday's election for rector, he may still top *the poll. I hear that many students* plan to add his name to their ballot papers and vote for him anyway. "We are confident of an overwhelming majority", says Hassen Ebrahim, chairman of the Mandela for Rector campaign.

GCHQ quiz

Labour MP George Foulkes plans to quiz the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, in the Commons tomorrow on my story that a GCHQ *employee had* been reported during the Falklands war for announcing in a Cheltenham pub that the San Carlos landings were imminent. No prosecution was brought. In written questions, Foulkes will ask Sir Michael for a list of occasions in the past *three* years when alleged contraventions of the Official Secrets Act were *referred to him or* the Director of Public Prosecutions and whether they had considered the prosecution of staff at GCHQ or Navy HQ at Northwood. Says Foulkes: "If the allegations in the *Times* Diary are true – and I understand from other sources they may well be – they cast serious *doubts about the freedom from* political control of the Attorney-General. I understand *the decision* on prosecution may have even reached him."

PHS

Lawson beware: debt trap ahead

by Tim Congdon

There can be few truths more self-evident than that a nation cannot be in debt to itself. If a government owes debt to its citizens, the same citizens have *to service the debt.* The notion of a "national debt" is, *in this sense*, a crude misunderstanding.

A short step from here is the belief that government spending not covered by taxation, particularly when it adds to the nation's infrastructure rather than current consumption, is an unqualified blessing. Such spending can not only *improve hospitals, schools* and roads but stimulate a demand and promote employment. To expand the national debt by a public works programme appears to be both financially innocuous and economically benign.

But there is an important caveat. Although a nation cannot be in debt to itself, a government cannot borrow money without paying *interest. It then has to raise taxes* to meet the interest payments. If it borrows too much, interest payments – and so the implied tax burden – may reach an excessive proportion of national income.

Indeed, circumstances can be imagined in which a government's budget deficits are on such a scale that debt interest increases without limit. A deficit incurred in 1985 *represents an addition to the* national debt; interest has to be paid *on the new debt in 1986; the extra* interest increases the deficit in 1986 and represents a larger addition to the national debt; an even greater interest payment, and a still larger addition to the debt, are registered in 1987; and so on. If it is not careful, the government *is caught in* a debt trap.

Some analytical work has been carried out by economists to identify *the conditions in which the debt* interest trap takes hold. The broad conclusions are simple. It is safe for a government to run a budget deficit when the economy's growth rate is so high that gross domestic product is increasing more rapidly than the national debt. Interest on the debt can then be covered by taxation without difficulty.

But if the real interest rate on national debt is higher than the growth rate, debt interest will rise *continuously as a share of* national income, even when the budget is balanced. To escape the debt interest trap the government must run a surplus, with tax revenues above expenditure excluding interest.

A cardinal principle of British fiscal policy must be that in the long run interest on the national debt cannot be allowed to rise faster than gdp. Of course, that does not *preclude occasional* departures from rectitude in which, for a year or two, the national debt can grow at a higher rate than output. But such departures should be offset by other periods of extremely low deficits or surpluses to keep the situation under control.

If sizeable budget deficits, and the accompanying increases in *debt* servicing costs, were to become a *systematic feature of Britain's public* finances, the debt interest trap could operate with exteme viciousness. Investors would protect themselves against government extravagance by demanding real interest rates above those needed if the books were balanced; and the more cavalier the government's attitude towards its deficit, the higher would be the *real* interest rates required. In such *circumstances the real interest rate* would almost certainly move into the danger zone where the debt interest trap takes hold.

The Thatcher government has recognized the imperative of avoiding excessive debt. In the Green Paper on long-range public expenditure plans published last year, it stated its intention to reduce the ratio of debt interest to national income from 3½ per cent in 1983 to 1¾ per cent in 1993/94. This reduction was to be achieved by restricting the public sector borrowing requirement. It was taken on trust that real interest rates would fall.

The Green Paper's reasoning on the debt interest problem was sound and well argued. But both the reasoning and some detailed numerical projections were relegated to an obscure technical *appendix. They* had little impact on public debate. More disappointingly, they also seem to have had limited practical effect so far.

Much of the trouble arises because Mr Lawson has not retained the confidence of financial markets. He has talked too glibly about tax *cuts ahead of a period in which a* major revenue source, tax on North Sea oil profits, is due to decline; he has been too casual about sterling's depreciation on the foreign exchanges, encouraging the market interpretation that inflation control is now a secondary objective behind the reduction of unemployment; and he has signally failed, in his first full year as Chancellor, to keep public *expenditure within estimate.*

Holders of gilt-edged securities have a strong sense of history. In the 1970s the government of no other advanced industrial nation devalued the real value of its liabilities, by keeping inflation above the interest rate on old debts, more irresponsibly than Britain's. The markets know that and will not forget it.

They have therefore bullied the present government into raising interest rates to almost 10 per cent in real terms. Investors have to be paid for the risk, now perceived as far from negligible, that Mr Lawson will be as careless of their interests as Barber and Healey before him.

The most successful course of economic policy in the next two or three years will be one which achieves a large reduction in real *interest rates.*

The recovery of financial confidence is essential to any reduction in real interest rates. The appropriate *action is a substantial cut in the* public sector borrowing requirement, both for 1985/86 and for later years, compared to previously announced targets.

It will not be enough to trim the PSBR target for 1985/86 by a marginal amount, say from £7 billion to £6.5 billion. To lower it by so little would be unimpressive in view of the distinct possibility that oil revenue will fall heavily, perhaps by £5 billion or more, between *1985/86 and 1987/88.*

1987/88 will be the last full *financial year before the next general* election. If Mr Lawson aims for a *PSBR of £6.5 billion in 1985/86, he* may have a politically disagreeable task keeping it under £10 billion in 1987/88. Unless he explicitly recognizes the PSBR's vulnerability to oil price shocks, the financial markets will punish him by continuing to demand high real interest rates on new government bond issues.

Mr Lawson may feel that the criticism is rather unfair. Unlike all his post-war predecessors, who were able to ease their financial problems by *defrauding holders of govern*ment debt, he has to cope with a financial environment where real interest rates are highly positive. In the cowardly new world where savers refuse to be cheated by governments, his room for manoeuvre is uncomfortably restricted.

If he wants the markets back on his side after March 19, he must not repeat *the mistake in the 1984* Budget when he cut taxes a long *time before the next general election.*

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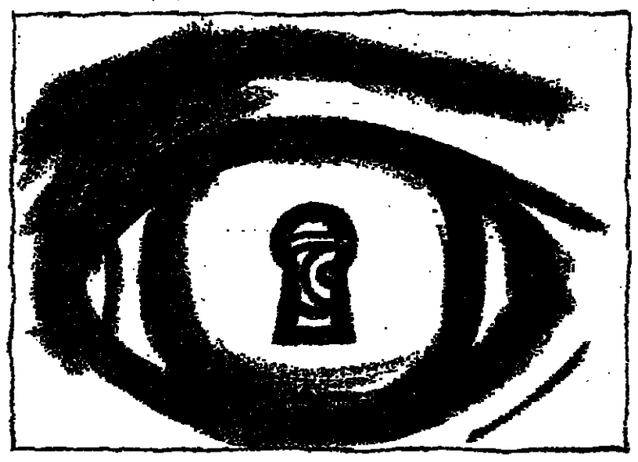
MARKETS HAVE LONG MEMORIES
How inflation has eroded national debts

	Annual fall in government debt/GDP due to inflation: %	Average real return to investors in government debt:%
West Germany	–0.6	+1.4
USA	–1.5	–0.1
Canada	–3.1	–1.7
France	–0.8	–1.8
Japan	–1.5	–2.8
UK	–5.4	–6.7

Source: OECD Occasional Studies, June 1983, covering period 1973/82.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Why the fuss? These people should be tapped



Paula Youens

I have not seen the now notorious MI5 film, so I cannot discuss its contents. (No such inhibition appears to operate in the case of many of those denouncing *MI5 in absentia*; their howls of protest can *perforate an eardrum* at 30 yards.) But there are certain principles which seem to me to deserve comment. Before I turn to the subject, however, I must ring up the curtain on an enchanting little drama.

Sir Robin Day was questioning, on *The World at One*, Miss Claudia Milne, one of the co-producers of the film. He raised with her the case of the late Harry Newton; she alleged that, working *on behalf of MI5, he had infiltrated* CND. This had been hotly denied by *many who knew* Newton well; Robin asked Miss Milne whether, when she was making the film, she had been aware that many people in a position to know rejected her allegations entirely. Miss Milne evaded the question, and answered one that Sir Robin had not asked her. He courteously pointed this out, and asked the question again.

The implication was obvious. Either she had not known, in which case the quality of her work on the film immediately became suspect (since Newton's witnesses were thick on the very ground she had trodden), or she *had* known but *chose to omit their evidence, in* which case the film would begin to *look more like propaganda than* investigation.

Faced with this dilemma, the stainless champion of the Right To Know rapidly became very shifty indeed, and flatly refused to answer the question.

That was Act One, last Thursday. Act Two was on Saturday; the weepy academic himself, Mr E. P. Thompson, claimed his *droit de seigneur* over *The Guardian's* correspondence column and, congratulated *Miss Milne "on standing her* professional ground". A more ludicrously false description of the episode could hardly be imagined; E.P. (the lovable little creature from the outer space of the left) also claimed, with the same degree of truth, that Sir Robin's tone "was that of a police authority inviting Miss Milne to help him with his inquiries".

Shortly after the last general election, E.P. and others of his *kidney began*, most significantly, to attack Sir Robin and Mr Brian Walden and for good measure the opinion pollsters, claiming that they were biased in favour of the Conservatives. Well, no doubt it would be very convenient for the far left if they could bring into being a People's Democracy which would *institute* a People's Democratic Television (there would still be four channels, but they would all be showing the same programmes) with Miss Frances Morell as director-general, on which Mr Thompson would be interviewed only by Monsignor Bruce Kent and Monsignor Bruce Kent only by Mr Thompson. (The opinion polls would be easy to deal with; the only question would be, "Which way would you vote if, by some *unlikely* mischance, there were to be an *election?" and the only answer* permitted would be "Yes".)

Until then, however, I hope that Day and Walden will continue to be their scrupulously fair selves even if the voting public, listening or watching, should have the gall to draw their own conclusions.

There are two separate questions raised by the present uproar, though the left are working hard to confuse *the two. The first is whether rules or* laws have been broken by the *security services.* If such offences have been committed, those responsible should be disciplined, dismissed or prosecuted.

So much for the first question. The second is more important. There have been claims that certain individuals and organizations have been kept under observation, and that this would be wrong *even if the rules had been obeyed.* It has, for instance, been suggested that some of the leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers have been under surveillance, and that this very fact constitutes a scandal.

Oh yes? The NUM has taken money from the Soviet authorities, and actually solicited it from *Gadaffi; I would be very disturbed* indeed to learn that the security services of my country had *not*, in such circumstances, kept proper watch on those responsible. I have no evidence, and do not suggest, that anyone in the NUM leadership has broken any law in the course of those dealings; but if people who accept money, or go begging for *it*, from the hands of enemy powers *and murderers are not to be* watched, it is difficult to think of anybody who should be.

Or take the case of the National Council for Civil Liberties. Mr Larry Gostin, the NCCL's chief executive, has complained that although in 1981 the NCCL had been removed from the list of subversive organizations, having been on it for some years previously, the Special Branch was not informed and *has continued* to keep watch on it and to infiltrate *officers into it. I have no idea* (any more than Mr Gostin has) whether any or all of this is true, but let us suppose it is. Let us read on to the next paragraph of Mr Gostin's published complaint:

> NCCL has a special interest in this programme. We have been assisting its producers – Claudia Milne and Geoffrey Seed – for the past nine months, and we are a civil liberties organization whose civil liberties have been seriously infringed.

Has Mr Gostin not noticed that there is something wrong with the logic of his complaint? He admits *that for nine months he has been* active in helping with the production of a film which was to attack the security services, and then he claims that it is wrong for the security services to investigate *him.* I do not know, and offer no speculation upon, what those who made the film wished to achieve by it; but if the security services did not consider it their duty to pursue that question most searchingly, and to pursue it as far as those who actively *helped* the film-makers, they are not fit to be in charge of the country's security.

Or take CND itself. I have no doubt that *most* of its members work for it only because they see in it the best hope of preserving the peace of the world. I have equally no doubt that *some* of them work for it because they see in it the best hope of turning this country into part of the Soviet empire. Since there is *only one CND badge, which is* available to all members, rather than two which would distinguish between the categories I have listed, it is very important indeed that somebody, somewhere, should be trying to keep a list of the second; that seems to me a job for the security services, if the security services have any function at all.

I do not know whether any members of the security services have exceeded their powers; if they have, action should be taken to deal with them and to ensure that there are no such excesses in the future. If that is what the banned film says, I *have no quarrel with it. But if it* rejects and denounces the very surveillance, under lawful authority and proper safeguards, of individuals, or organizations which harbour individuals, whose sympathies and activities give reasonable cause for suspicion of being a danger to this country's security, then I am quite unable to accept that argument, and hope that the Government will *stand firm against it.*

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Peter Kellner

The cap that won't fit the police

Today this column breaks new ground. All sorts of leaked government documents have been published in the last few months, but *they have had one thing in common: someone in Whitehall had already written them.* Here, for the first time, is a top-secret paper that has yet to be composed.

No doubt lawyers will have lots of trouble (and make lots of money) working out whether this contravenes the Official Secrets Act. No doubt, too, *ministers will have even* more trouble (and make rather less *money*) wrestling with the substance of the paper's argument. It is a memorandum, dated July 1987, from the Permanent Secretary at the Home Office to the Home Secretary.

"You asked for a report on the new joint boards for running the police forces outside London following the abolition of the metropolitan councils.

There were, as you will recall, two main advantages in the old system of controlling the police. First, it provided clear-cut lines of communication: chief constables knew to whom they were responsible, and how to obtain quick decisions – for example, when they needed more money. Second, it was relatively easy to find extra money when necessary, *because councils could* divert resources from other services *to meet policing needs.*

Both these advantages have now disappeared. More seriously for you and your colleagues, one major consequence has been a sharp fall in the number of police officers in northern cities. If the opposition parties twig what the Government has done, it could damage gravely your, and the *Prime Minister's*, reputation on law and order.

Let me explain what happened. Each metropolitan council had its *spending targets laid down by the* Department of the Environment. Ministers used to stress how profligate many Labour councils were in exceeding those targets. Rather less attention was paid to what that "excess" money was spent on. In Merseyside, Greater Manchester and the two Yorkshire councils much of it went on extra policing.

In 1983/4 – before the miners' strike started screwing up everyone's figures – Merseyside was "*supposed*" to spend just under £41m on *policing the area, according to the* GRE (grant-related expenditure) *figure provided by the Department* of the Environment. I assume this calculation was approved by some official here in the Home Office, but so far nobody will own up.

In the event, Merseyside spent almost £49m – about 20 per cent more than its GRE target. In flesh-blood-and-truncheon terms, Merseyside's Labour council found the money to keep 543 more police officers at work than the Conservative government had intended. In Manchester, the "extra" police totalled 427, in West Yorkshire 416 and in South Yorkshire 135.

The essential reason why they *wanted to spend more was that they* felt their counties needed the extra policing – a judgment, incidentally, you did not challenge at the time. The *essential reason they could* overspend was that they had some freedom (these were pre-ratecapping days, remember) to determine their overall spending figures, and within those totals, they could juggle the individual components.

When the metropolitan counties were abolished, joint boards of district councillors took over responsibility for the police. (Other joint boards took over public ransport and the fire services.) As was widely predicted, the boards turned into battlegrounds for rival district interests, rather than coherent decision-making bodies.

You will recall that in January 1985 I forwarded to you the doubts of West Yorkshire's chief constable, *Colin Sampson: "The thing that* bothers me about joint boards is, will I be able to do anything with a joint board which I need to determine in a hurry?"

What made things even worse was the current three-year transition period, in which the joint boards do not have the power to determine the level of spending. Government policy was set out by Patrick Jenkin in May 1984: "The large expenditure and manpower budgets of the joint boards will be subject to limits set by the Government for the first three years of their existence. We will be able *and intend* to exert downward pressure on manpower in these areas." (Emphasis added.)

The scene, then, was set for that terrible bust-up you had last year with the Environment Secretary over police and fire budgets. (Most metropolitan counties also spent too much on their fire services, according to the GRE calculations.) He was *determined to fulfil his pledge to* save at least £100m from the *abolition of the metropolitan* counties; you were determined to fulfil your pledge to maintain the level of services.

Something had to give. Either the Cabinet agreed to fund the police and fire services well above the levels set by the Department of the Environment in the past, in which case little or no money would be saved by the abolition of the metropolitan councils or the old GRE figures were used as a basis for the new Whitehall-controlled budgets, in which case thousands of police helmets, panda cars and fire engines had to be put in mothballs.

It was one of the nastier rows I can remember since I joined the Civil Service. At its height I could not help recalling Viscount Whitelaw's words, in an unusually frank interview, made public in February 1985: "I think it's going to be a difficult problem getting the police authorities right after the metropolitan counties are over. And I don't think you'd find anyone in the Home Office who doesn't accept that."

I am quite certain that Willie, like you and me, wishes we had never *got into this mess in the first place.*

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moreover. . . Miles Kington

Such a hoot on my rickshaw throne

If you thought there were a lot of bicycles in Oxford and Cambridge, *you should see Delhi*, Hyderabad and other civilized Indian towns. Last month I was constantly being urged to buy silks and saris and silverware, and I bought enough to fill a washbag, but what I really secretly wanted was an Indian bicycle. Not many frills about them, except for the occasional spray of fresh flowers and strange shock-absorbers which seem to back up the forks, but how solid they are, how easily they take a couple of people on the back. Try sitting a friend on the back of an English bike and you *wouldn't have any bike left.*

Especially I wanted a bicycle rickshaw, which is a pedalling version of a horse and trap. I've never hankered after a chauffeur-driven car, only after a chauffeur-*pedalled tandem, with him sitting in* front and me behind with the *Financial Times*, and my *Times* inside the *FT*. The trouble is that on a tandem you have to do some work, wherever you sit. Not so with an Indian rickshaw, where you sit enthroned and let him do all the work, and just as soon as I own a *daily newspaper, that is how I will* travel to it.

Or even an auto-rickshaw, which is a moped version of a pony and trap, and this time the driver gets cover from the rain as well, so as a democratic newspaper proprietor I suppose I ought to get one of those. Indian city streets swarm with all of them, as well as cars and taxis, so a main crossing where the lights are about to turn green is a fearsome sight – bikes in front, rickshaws *breathing down their neck, auto*-rickshaws revving up to burst through them – it's like watching the whole Welsh XV about to charge from a drop-out. Miraculously, once under way they all seem to avoid one another. The only sign of an accident I saw was a *man rubbing* his wife's bottom.

"She has no doubt just fallen off his moped," I was informed. "When *you are wearing a sari you can only* ride side-saddle, and this has its attendant risks."

I once saw an attempt to segregate *the traffic. On the main bridge in* Hyderabad there are four lanes going *either way, separated by concrete* ridges. The inner one is for pedestrians; the next for bikes; the next for auto-rickshaws and bullock carts, the other for four-wheeled vehicles. Cows can go in any lane. This bridge apart, the rest of India, as far as I can tell, relies on what we would call road sense and what they call hooting all the time. Indian drivers do not hoot in anger, but use hooting as a language . . . "I am coming up your off-side . . ." "If you do not give way, I will take your off-*side . . ." ". . . I have just taken your* off-side."

As an encouragement, most Indian vehicles have a sign on the back saying "HORN PLEASE". One auto-rickshaw I hired in Hyderabad was actually stopped by a policeman, who shouted at my driver: "You've got a horn, haven't you? Use it!" Never before have I seen a motorist cautioned for *not* hooting. As to how good Indian drivers are, I would say that the ones who are still *alive are very good. I did have one* very bad driver, but the one I had the next day was brilliant. He had previously been in the Indian army, driving tanks for 15 years. When he got me home after a two-hour drive, he said: "Perhaps I should not tell you this, sir, but for the last 20 miles we are having no brakes. Gears only." And I never noticed.

The oddest cyclist I met was, perhaps predictably, English. He was a young lad who had come out to see all five Test matches, and to cycle from one to the next. He had *averaged about 100 miles a day and* found it no problem, except for the first few days when he had dysentery. The thing that Indians had found most unusual about his bike was its 18 gears; their surprise was understandable, as Indian bikes *have no gears.* Their riders pedal stolidly along in the equivalent of middle gear, knees splayed out slightly and using the sole of the feet to push, never the ball or toes. Perhaps this calms the stomach and avoids dysentery.

But the fact that he was bicycling they did not find odd at all. Quite right. *In a civilized country like* India the bicycle is given its rightful place – there are *even, at intervals* along the main boulevards, little boys under shady trees ready to mend punctures for you. Why does this not happen in London? As soon as *I* own a paper, I shall campaign vigorously for it. Meanwhile, I hope to bring you more Indian notes on Saturday, specially geared for non-cyclists.

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A hoard sweeter than Pooh's honeypot

Disappointed clients of the Arts Council literature panel take heart: despite the cuts, help is at hand. Sixty authors who have fallen on *hard times shared nearly £100,000* last year – thanks not to Lord Gowrie but mostly to Winnie the Pooh.

The estate of A. A. Milne is the largest source of income of the Royal Literary Fund, which has been *helping distressed or improvi*dent writers for almost 200 years. Last year, when the Walt Disney corporation was successfully sued for overdue Pooh royalties, Pooh Properties provided £135,000 to the fund – £97,500 more than the previous year – bringing the fund's income to £224,585, of which £98,328 was *distributed to needy* authors and their dependents.

Although this honeypot has indeed been sweet for a needy few, the fund is sitting on a huge asset that could greatly increase the largesse it can give. Some writers feel that it should cash in on some of its history.

During its long and celebrity-filled life, the fund has amassed a rich storehouse of letters and literary memorabilia. Just a microfilm of the collection as far as 1918 sells for £3,000 *a time.* These documents could be auctioned, providing a bonanza for the needy. Indeed, the fund's officers have looked at the possibility but have decided to "hang on a bit", according to its only paid official, its secretary, Antony Mackenzie Smith.

They have letters recounting how a £75 grant *to James Joyce* spared him the embarrassment of meeting his publisher with lice in his suit, a grant that was warmly supported by Yeats and Ezra Pound. Other letters tell of the £500 that enabled Sir James Frazer to finish *The Golden Bough*, and reveal that D. H. Lawrence called the fund's *administrators "the fat fleas of literature"* even though he once received a grant from them.

Testimonials from Henry James, H. G. Wells, J. M. Barrie and John Galsworthy all support a grant to Joseph Conrad. A thank-you note for £51 granted to Thomas Love Peacock alleges that it saved his life. And consider the names among the fund's administrators. Tennyson was once president; Barrie, Thackeray and Trollope were all officers.

So valuable are these letters that *some have already gone astray.*

The fund refuses to name any of *the writers it is helping – to preserve* their privacy, it says. In the face of such secrecy it is hard to judge its stewardship.

Its fund-raising, though, is hardly vigorous. It relies on the old-boy and old-girl net and a few small *magazine ads. Publishers* and literary agents are its best source of information about authors going through hard times, but the current president, Arthur Crook, former editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, recently wrote to local arts associations asking them to recommend authors who need help.

One splendid exception to the fund's rule of silence about recipi*ents of aid is its vice-president*, Janet Adam Smith, biographer and *doyenne of literary editors*, who was president from 1976 to 1984. Back in 1949, when her husband, the poet Michael Roberts, had died and she had four young children to bring up, she asked for a grant – an application sponsored by *T. S. Eliot* and Graham Greene.

Today's hard-up authors are not, of course, being thrown into debtors' prison, as were 120 writers the fund rescued in the period up to 1838. Guardedly, the fund gives examples. One is a writer on war and espionage who had two strokes and was left immobilized and *in constant pain.*

The grants range from £500 to £5,000 and a *writer can apply more* than once. One greedy or clever or very deserving chap managed to cop 18 grants in a row.

Even with the Pooh windfall, the fund cannot do much to cushion the thousands of precariously employed authors in these straitened times. But perhaps with the long-term view *that the fund is accustomed to* taking, it is saving its treasure house of literary goodies for its 200th anniversary in 1990.

Patricia Miller

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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SOVIET SPACE-RATTLING

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher's sudden dash to Moscow for talks with Mr Gromyko is a puzzle only in the sense that thereare so many plausible reasons for it. It is no secret that the West German Foreign Minister has long wanted to go East again, to carry forward – some would say, to reconstruct – his former Ostpolitik. He has, in effect, been knocking at Moscow's door. It is also clear that Chancellor Kohl's unambiguous statement on the Eastern frontier in his "State of the Nation" address last week, his helped to persuade Moscow to open the door – at least a crack.

Herr Genscher's haste to visit both Moscow and Warsaw, as well as his already planned trips to Finland and Bulgaria, all in this one week, nay be further explained by two dates on the political calendar. On March 12, arms control talks are due to begin in Geneva. West German official spokesmen stress that one of Herr Genscher's main purposes was to impress upon Soviet leaders the importance of those talks, especially on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), despite the war of words between Moscow and Washington over President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). For obvious reasons, they tend not to stress that the Kohl-Genscher government also faces two important midterm provincial elections on March 10, which will be particularly testing for Herr Genscher's embattled Free Democratic Party. Herr Genscher must hope that his high-profile Eastern diplomacy will help the governing coalition parties in general, and his own in particular, at next Sunday's polls.

In so far as the Foreign Minister's lightning tour through the Soviet bloc signals the restoration of a clear line in the Federal Government's policy towards the east, following on from the Chancellor's "State of the Nation" speech, it is to be welcomed. No good purpose at all was served by the kind of messy disarray in which Herr Genscher's planned visit to Poland last November collapsed at the eleventh hour. But the haste with which the Foreign Minister has now plunged through Moscow's half open door should also give us cause for thought. We can understand Bonn's discomfort at being left out in the cold by Moscow last autumn, while elsewhere east-west relations seemed to be slowly improving. But we can also understand only too well Moscow's motives for calling Bonn back in at this particular moment.

The Soviet Union's return to the arms talks is equally a return to the political game which it has been playing for years: that of trying to drive wedges between western Europe and the United States. As we have seen in the controversy over the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles, public opinion in West Germany today is particularly vulnerable to this kind of manipulation and intimidation. Although SDI is only in the early stages of research, and although it will not have a physical presence on West German soil, we should not underestimate its potentially divisive impact on German public opinion – or, to be precise, the impact of the distorted image of SDI ("Star Wars") which is currently given by much of the West German media. Nor should we doubt Soviet determination to exploit this issue politically: for example, by linking any progress in the INF negotiations to their demand for a unilateral renunciation of Washington's potential technological advantage in strategic defence. The Bonn government thus has a special difficulty, both because of public opinion and because of its own special interest in good relations with the east, in putting across the long-term rationale of the Strategic Defence Initiative for the defence of Europe as well as the United States. By the same token, it has a special duty so to do.

ARTS IN A COLD CLIMATE

The scene is obscured by battle-smoke, and the boards are running with blood; but how much of it is stage-blood, and is the smoke merely from firecrackers? In the confusion it is far from clear which side half the cast is fighting on, though it seems apparent at least that Sir Peter Hall's performance is some way over the top. The battle over the arts, which the House of Lords is to debate today, is a compex and impassioned one.

Outwardly the impetus of the Government's thinking on this issue appears straightforward, with its emphasis on self-reliance, the play of the market and a minimum of state meddling. At another level there are conflicting undercurrents between that strand of Tory thinking which regards arts spending in Gaullist terms as an aspect of national prestige, and the economics school which sees cultural activity simply as a trade providing no general benefits other than what the audience can be expected to pay for at the box-office. There is more in the matter than either of these extremes would acknowledge. But unavoidably, Britain must operate in a context where the pound buys steadily fewer and fewer square millimetres of export-threatened Mantegna and ever more momentary fragments of Pavarotti hours, and in which the going rate is frequently inflated by the readiness of other countries to subsidize the arts at far higher rates (four times as high per head, in Germany; six times as high in France).

The Arts Council and its grant catch most of the headlines, but the issue is really a much wider and more intricate one, ranging from the remarkable affair of the rescued stately homes and the fearful drama of the cancelled film subsidy to the banal household tale of the Victoria and Albert Museum's roof. With such a variety of claims, no one method of proceeding can be suitable for all, and the application of policy can lead to paradoxes.

Lord Gowrie's decision this year to channel more arts money into patching the leaking roofs of museums, at the expense of the acquisition funds and the resentful performing arts, is both legitimate and defensible in practical terms. But it heralds a tendency for scarcity of resources to cause the significant decisions to be made increasingly at the political level, and the erosion of the old "arms length" principle of subsidy. The Arts Council's valiant effort to re-channel support away from the pampered metropolis to the provinces has been made more difficult by the shortage of funds. The financial squeeze imposes a policy squeeze which threatens to reduce it to a cipher.

The Chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg, is sensitive to criticisms that it is becoming a mere agent of Government. He has been defending his parishioners by seeking to show that arts subsidy pays for itself in public expenditure terms because it keeps stagehands off the dole. These arguments are uncomfortably reminiscent of the all-too-familiar proof that there is no such thing as an uneconomic coalmine. There is greater force in the argument that cultural activity and capital are part of our national stock-in-trade for the increasingly valuable market in tourism, and that skills in music acting, film technology, etc, bring indirect benefits both in cash and prestige. But these arguments are hard to quantify.

Special interest claimants like Sir Peter Hall do a disservice to the arts as a whole, for by crying wolf over so small a trimming of grant, and paying such scant regard to the potential of private financial support, they cast doubt on the claims of others protesting with more reason. Arts organizations are too often disdainful of the private and public sponsors who underwrite their activities. The signs are that we are standing at the beginning of a period of a historic trend towards a markedly lower level of public spending of all kinds and it is desirable for the arts themselves, and for public policy, to be mindful of the need to stiffen them against a harsher climate.

It would only disguise the problem for the government to encourage private sponsorship artificially by manipulating the tax system. A sudden withdrawal of state support would threaten permanent loss of skills, ensembles and treasures which could not easily be restored at a later stage. There is a role for discriminating public support for cultural activities, but the forecast is for colder winds all round, and the underlying aims of public policy should be to cajole providers into equipping themselves to survive as best they can in that climate.

TABS ON THE TAPPERS

For all the excitement over phone tapping drummed up by the IBA's maladroit decision to ban the Channel Four programme about it, the issues raised seem to be grounds only for cautious unease, not baleful anxiety. The disclosures made in the programme do not suggest any systematic oppressive misuse of the state's powers to authorize tapping, but they do suggest that there are weaknesses in the chain of accountability, and the Bill to be debated today provides an opportunity for remedying those weaknesses. But as it stands it goes very little way towards doing so.

It is one of this Government's "dumb insolence" measures (like the Bill on caning in schools and earlier provisions regarding equal treatment of the sexes) in which the minimum action possible is grudgingly taken to comply with the letter of rulings under international agreements. In this case the ruling is by the European Court, and the action in response is effectively to make legal the practices that the court complained had no legal sanction. The Bill proposes unnecessarily wide measures to protect confidentiality – extending even to a ban on references in any court or tribunal to the very possibility that official sources could engage in illegal tapping – and it fails to provide for the control of bugging devices not connected to a public communications network, though the issues are exactly the same.

There is nothing at all to be ashamed of in the practice of tapping as such. Secret surveillance is an entirely legitimate aspect of the fight against serious crime and espionage, though an intrusion on privacy which should never be made without good cause, and certainly not for party political reasons. Even trade unionists, even members of CND – even journalists – may properly be subjected to tapping if there is good reason to believe that tapping may uncover serious crime or threats to the state. Most details of these transactions must necessarily be confidential, and must in the main remain so, even if abuses are discovered. This makes it especially necessary that effective and trusted means of discovering and correcting abuses should exist.

The system is nominally controlled by warrants issued by one of five Secretaries of State. But the warrants can be drawn loosely and run for long periods. Unauthorized tapping is not even a crime, though the Bill would belatedly make it so. But ministers are not in fact the right people to make operational decisions of this kind. They are too remote from the details of the investigation and too preoccupied with other matters – and, at worst, too open to political temptation.

The Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure proposed that warrants should be issued by judges on carefully defined grounds, rather as search warrants are; a system of this kind already exists in Germany. The drawback is that the issues involved may be too specialized and sensitive for anyone lacking specialist knowledge. What is needed is not a mere functionary, and certainly not a member of the intelligence community. He should be a figure with a discretion of his own and a public identity, perhaps a privy counsellor, and though accountable to the Home Secretary, he should be of sufficient weight to stand up to the pressures from below, and ministerial manipulation from above.

As well as the problem of confidential authorization beforehand, there is the problem of confidential monitoring afterwards. Lord Bridge, who has been set to report on the Channel Four allegations with a scarcely judicial rapidity, already bears the title of Monitor of Interceptions, a weighty and normally invisible function. But it is noteworthy that almost all the abuses alleged in the programme took place before 1979, when his office was instituted. This is only negative evidence, and there must remain some doubt about the effectiveness of this shadowy office. The Bill would in addition set up a commissioner to review the working of the system and to receive complaints (though able unavoidably to reply to them publicly only in the most tantalizingly opaque terms). But it appears that he will be able to consider only whether procedure has been followed, and whether unauthorized disclosures have been made. He will have nothing to say if procedures are defective, or if abuses are carried out with punctilious observance of procedure. This is not enough, and MPs should press for more robust safeguards to be put in the Bill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former Speaker answers critic

From Lord Tonypandy

Sir, Mr Michael Foot's strident letter (March 4) with its unpleasant overtones is typical of the attitude with which I had to deal when I was Speaker. His implicit call for prosecution under the Official Secrets Act and his angry claim that I was too pliable in the hands of my advisers are unworthy of serious reply.

With regard to Mr Foot's main complaint, I have nothing to add to the full rebuttal statement that I made at the Christina Foyle literary luncheon, and which was reported on the front page of your newspaper (February 28).

If your readers really want to understand fully this correspondence, they should read the book as a whole and judge it then.

Yours faithfully,
TONYPANDY,
House of Lords.
March 4.

From Mr Arthur Cain

Sir, The memoirs of Lord Tonypandy and your editorial of February 26 raise important points of interest to voters at parliamentary elections.

Lord Tonypandy gained his office as Speaker of the House of Commons by reason of the votes of his parliamentary constituency which caused him to be elected as a member of Parliament.

The fact that he was raised to higher office does not exclude his responsibilities to his constituency.

There is also the very wide public interest, even public demand, for more information on all public affairs and on the behaviour of our rulers. In these circumstances whatever goes on in Parliament should be reported as widely as possible.

Lord Tonypandy's own words are, "Only the tip of a large iceberg". It is icebergs that cause disasters!

Political parties and political party leaders have no defined place in our Constitution and individuals who set out to ask for constituents' votes should be willing to make the processes of government fully known to the public.

If Lord Tonypandy's memoirs are displeasing to political leaders, how much more displeasing would the conduct of political leaders be to the voters if it was fully known, as it should be.

Perhaps the current discussions concerning the terms and conditions of reporting by lobby correspondents offers a means of creating channels of information for the public, whether disclosure of factual information pleases or displeases political leaders – the public should know.

Because members of Parliament are elected on the basis of constituents' votes, should they not regard themselves, and function as, servants of the public?

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR CAIN,
Flat 11,
Grosvenor Court,
Rayner's Road,
Putney, SW15.
February 28.

Broadcasting's future

From the Director of the Adam Smith Institute

Sir, Alasdair Milne (feature, February 26) presents a falsely stark choice for the future of the BBC. If we baulk at a licence fee of £65, the alternative is not to sell the corporation for scrap. It is to search for a new structure for the BBC that is more in tune with realities of today's technology and the desires of today's sophisticated public.

Cable, satellite and other broadcasting technologies have knocked out the argument that we need a broadcasting monopoly; and the BBC itself has changed, struggling for the ratings, televising sponsored sport, spawning computer and publications offshoots until it is indistinguishable from a commercial network.

Sensible options do exist that would leave the BBC's highbrow services undamaged or improved while it was asked to achieve greater and greater reliance on sponsorship, advertising, and commercial sales for its pure entertainment side. Indeed, this institute has arranged a one-day conference in April to discuss these very options.

In the meantime, perhaps the best option is to fix a lower licence fee increase to cover just one year instead of three. That would provide ample time for a full public discussion of where the BBC should go from here.

Yours faithfully,
EAMONN BUTLER, Director.
Adam Smith Institute,
50 Westminster Mansions,
Little Smith Street, SW1.

After the pit dispute

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, Some time ago the Chancellor claimed that whatever the cost of defeating the miners the money would be well spent. Despite the fact that the Government continues insisting on the dangers of inflation, and thereby to the threat to economic growth, of increasing public spending, very large sums have been forthcoming to underwrite the cost of the strike. Estimates vary widely, but a total of about £3 billion may not be too wide of the mark.

Underwriting the cost of the strike now makes the Government's response to reducing unemployment by increasing Government expenditure less credible than it was. After all, the inflation rate has hardly risen as a result of this massive increase in Government spending. Cannot the same determination now be shown to defeating unemployment as has been shown against the miners?

The Henley Centre for Forecasting estimates the cost of creating a job in the construction industry at around £8,000. A similar outlay to that of winning the miners' strike could therefore give rise to an additional 375,000 jobs. Could there be any better way for the Government to show the spirit of reconciliation than to now apply itself with equal determination to fighting and reducing unemployment?

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
March 4.

From the Reverend Philip Martin

Sir, As a minister working in a mining area I am only too aware of the casualties of the coal strike – on all sides in the dispute, and in the wider community.

Amongst the casualties, as your reports today (March 2) point out, are those miners who have been sacked following criminal convictions arising from the dispute. In considering them, however, and the possible reinstatement of many, I feel it would be wrong to make too hard a distinction between petty theft and more serious crimes of assault.

I have witnessed at first hand many picket line "scrums". In such a situation, a 17-year-old miner, of good character, who loses his temper and kicks a policeman is arrested, convicted, and dismissed from his job. A young policeman, however, who loses his temper and kicks a miner is not arrested, or convicted, or dismissed.

I do not condone violence from any side in this dispute. But on the picket line the "boot" has not been confined to just the one side. It now seems, though, that the harshest of punishments – an indefinite sentence of unemployment – is.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. MARTIN,
Parish of St Giles and St Mary's.
14 Thomas Hill House,
Horsefair,
Pontefract, West Yorkshire.
March 2.

'Equal misery for all' in the arts

From the Chairman of the National Theatre Board

Sir, In the flood of comment surrounding the acknowledged inadequacy of the recently announced Arts Council grants there is a danger that the focus on personalities and the polarization of public postures may obscure the corporate responsibility taken by the National Theatre Board in authorizing emergency action after painstakingly and painfully satisfying itself – and the Minister for the Arts – that no other short-term alternative was available.

The operation of the South Bank complex and the funding requirements of the NT are now the subject of a detailed, independent, professional investigation and further discussions with the Arts Council and the minister are planned when the results of that study are forthcoming. In the meantime, no valid interests are served by the present tendency of the Arts Council to juggle disingenuously with facts and figures.

I feel my friend, Sir William Rees-Mogg, does himself less than justice in describing an increase of 1.9 per cent on half a budget as a shortfall of 1.25 per cent (*The Sunday Times*, March 3): matching inflation of 4.5 per cent on the whole of that budget leaves a further 7.04 per cent to be found, when previous inroads have already strained resources to their limits.

Moreover, Sir William will recall that when, in 1982, he did feel he could influence Government policy and pleaded the needs of the other three major subsidised companies in a widely publicized letter to the minister, he also acknowledged the exceptional financial responsibility with which the affairs of the NT were conducted and assured us that we would not be penalized for success.

It is disturbing that he should now regard it as "dangerous" for theatres to depend on the Arts Council for the accustomed proportion of their funding needs and that his large and expensive organisation should be satisfied to disburse mathematically calculated grant increases indiscriminately on a declared policy of "equal misery for all".

Finally, I would beg him not to confuse elitism with excellence: there is nothing elitist about performing to the highest standards for 52 weeks a year to audiences of almost a million at prices which can be afforded by all.

Yours sincerely,
MAX RAYNE, Chairman,
National Theatre Board,
33 Robert Adam Street, W1.
March 4.

Role of MI5

From Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, For nearly four years this organization, run by three Conservative candidates at the last election, has been monitoring the activities and political affiliations of the leadership of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. We have not sought help from the security service, nor – judging from the amateurish revelations about CND in the banned Channel Four programme – would MI5 have been in a position to supply it had it wanted to do so.

Our detailed analyses of the 1983 and 1984 CND election results were respectively published in *The Times* (December 17, 1983) and the *Daily Telegraph* (December 17, 1984). In an internal CND report dated January 2, 1984, Bruce Kent conceded that we had published "a complete 'political' breakdown of those elected at conference to council". Our accuracy in these matters has been verified by journalists again and again.

It was in January, 1983, that I finalised the confidential report on the 1982 CND conference which, together with internal CND literature, provided by far the greatest part of information used by two ministers in exposing the left-wing affiliations of most CND leaders. This applies to the April 23, 1983, speech by Mr Heseltine excerpted in the Channel Four film.

When it was objected that the CND Executive Committee was more important than the council members elected at conferences I prepared a further report, dated May 2, 1983, which revealed that the executive was also governed by a majority of committed Labourites, socialists or communists. A fortnight later, the Defence Secretary was reported (*Daily Telegraph*, May 18, 1983) as stating: "It now emerges that a clear majority of the executive, which is the body which meets monthly to run CND, is also of the left (whether Labour, socialist or communist)."

The hint by the banned programme that it might have been Miss Massiter's report to DS 19 which formed the basis of party political attacks on CND has been turned into categorical assertion by such commentators as your occasional columnist Peter Kellner (*What the Papers Say*, March 1, 1985), and *The Guardian* (report, February 21, 1985).

The truth is that most of the material used came from the researches of our organization which has been attacked in print often enough by CND and its sympathisers – including *Guardian* journalists – for supplying it to politicians and the media.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS,
Research Director,
The Coalition for Peace Through Security,
27/31 Whitehall, SW1.
March 2.

Interests of the State

From Mr Elwyn Evans

Sir, Your Political Editor writes (February 28): "Ministers have decided that there must be no prosecution of those concerned in making a film about the work of MI5 . . . The Prime Minister, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, and their advisers are adamant that it would be wrong to allow the principles and methods of working of the security service to be discussed and challenged in open court."

If this statement is correct what becomes of the Prime Minister's assertion that she and her closest colleagues had no hand in the decision to prosecute Clive Ponting since such matters are left entirely to the DPP and the Attorney-General?

Yours etc,
ELWYN EVANS,
59 Circle Gardens,
Merton Park, SW19.

Jailed psychiatrist

From the President of The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, Dr Anatoly Koryagin is a Soviet psychiatrist who took a firm and principled stand against the misuse of psychiatry in the USSR to suppress the views of dissidents. For this he received a sentence of seven years' imprisonment and five years' exile in February, 1981. He is a member of this college who was last week elected to its fellowship.

News has reached the college that Dr Koryagin is in an extremely weak condition as a result of malnutrition and hardships. He has been on hunger strike in the Chistopol prison. I understand that he was provoked into this strike by escalating physical brutality and will not end it until he receives assurances of proper treatment.

I had previously written on behalf of the college to the governor of this prison and the Soviet Embassy in London to draw to the attention of the authorities the college's grave concern about his condition. Despite his sad plight his actions to prevent abuses of psychiatry still command the admiration of his professional colleagues far beyond the boundaries of the USSR.

The college remains extremely concerned about Dr Koryagin and hopes his situation can be ameliorated.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS BEWLEY, President,
The Royal College of Psychiatrists
Belgrave Square SW
March

Gallic customs

From Mr Colin Webb

Sir, In view of the proposals in France to legislate for the use of "Anglicisms" (report, March 1), I wonder if it is now time for us similarly to control the increasing French influence in our society.

Apart from the stranglehold they have over our eating habits – from the ghastly *nouvelle cuisine* to the preponderance of *brasseries* and *cafés croissants* I have noticed that increasingly women expect to be greeted by being kissed on both cheeks. This is an alien gesture for those of us who have depended over the years on the token single peck on one cheek.

Apart from the disconcerting sensation of being caught, as it were, nose to nose, while deducing whether one has encountered someone who anticipates a single or double greeting, one then has to remember the requirements for any subsequent encounter of the specific female thus greeted.

The French, I feel, have much to answer for.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN WEBB,
2 The High House,
Kenley Lane,
Kenley, Surrey.

Green fees

From Dr Frances R. Balkwill

Sir, May I make a plea to the Commons select committee who decided yesterday (report, February 27) to impose an entrance fee for the gardens and grounds of Hampton Court Palace. Unlike many of Britain's historic palaces, Hampton Court is situated in a residential area, and the people of East Molesey, Teddington and Kingston, particularly the elderly and those with young children, derive daily pleasure from walks in the gardens.

At a time when much of our green space is being encroached upon by housing and industrial development, please do not make us pay for an amenity that is so important to a local community.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES R. BALKWILL,
11 Palace Road,
East Molesey,
Surrey.
February 27.

By roundabout means

From Mr Carlo Ardito

Sir, Miss Catherine J. Clark (March 2) need agonise no longer over the etiquette governing revolving doors. Whenever faced by this problem and a lady is about to approach the doors, I boldly enter first and push the doors for her; but in order to give the lady precedence of ingress I describe a full circle before effecting my final entry. This seems to puzzle hotel porters, but is a clear statement. Sir, that chivalry is not dead.

Yours faithfully,
CARLO ARDITO,
37 Manchester Street, W1
March 2.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 6, 1879

In 1877 the British annexed the Transvaal and were soon involved in border disputes with Cetewayo, ruler of the Zulu tribe. An ultimatum to him was ignored and in January 1879 a British force under General Lord Chelmsford invaded Zululand. On January 22 1,600 Europeans and 2,500 natives were in camp – an inadequately protected one – at Isandhlwana. Chelmsford with a detachment departed on a reconnaissance. During his absence the camp was attacked by a Zulu army numbering 10,000 and only a handful of the defenders survived. Later the Zulus moved on to nearby Rorkes Drift where the garrison of less than 150 repulsed the enemy with a loss of 17 men.

THE ZULU WAR

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

HEADQUARTERS, PIETERMARITZBURG, FEB. 3

My short telegram of last mail will doubtless have occasioned much anxiety to hear the details of the catastrophe then alluded to – a catastrophe the more dreadful in that it was totally unexpected . . .

On seeing the Zulus menacing the camp, some one – the officer commanding I presume – ordered the troops to take up the following ground. On the left of the Native Contingent camp and facing the hill over which the Zulus were pouring was a force consisting of two or three companies of the 24th, with the Native Contingent on their right front: immediately to the right of the native tents were the guns, separated, it would appear, by 300 or 400 yards from our left, and by at least an equal distance from our right, which occupied the extreme right of the camp and rested on the road. The latter seems to have consisted of one or two companies of the 24th and the mounted corps. The infantry, now came into action all along our line, and from every account their firing seems to have been steady and rapid. The enemy fell in hundreds, mowed down by the Martini-Henry; but still came on in apparently undiminished numbers. Nothing seems to have deterred them. As rank after rank of the foremost fell, others pressed forward steadily and quickly. They do not appear to have made much use of their guns, but to have depended on their numbers to bring them at last within such distance of our men that they could use their assegais. All Colonel Durnford's men seem by this time to have joined those who were defending the camp, and the company of the 24th which had been sent up to the neck had retired, but it was cut off by the Zulu centre and never rejoined the rest. Young and old, regulars and volunteers, alike fought as gallantly as ever British soldiers did, side by side. I cannot learn that the ammunition ran short. It may have in individual instances through reckless firing, but I think the end came too soon for it to have done so in the majority of cases. As soon as the Zulu main body saw that its wings were approaching each other it rushed forward with the assegai, and, despite the heavy fire it encountered, bore down all opposition by sheer weight of numbers. A scene of utter confusion now seems to have occurred-horse and foot, black and white, English and Zulu, all in a struggling mass, making gradually through the camp towards the road, where the Zulu right already closed the way of escape. Of what happened during that half-hour even those who lived to tell can remember but little. Every man who had a horse attempted to escape towards the river; those who had none died where they stood. But even to mounted men escape was all but impossible. The country was rugged, broken and covered with boulders and waterwashes – a country, in fact, over which the active Zulus could run as fast, if not faster, than horses. Then in front was the Buffalo, which had to be crossed where no ford was, and where many a brave man who had so far made his escape succumbed. Many were drowned, many were assegaied, a few shot. And so the pursuit went on, even into Natal. Not a few died after the colonial side had been gained, for many lost their horses and arms in the river even when they succeeded in crossing in person.

Such are the very bare, meagre outlines of the greatest disaster which has ever happened to British arms in South Africa. It would be easy to write columns of anecdotes which reached us from those who escaped, but I prefer to confine myself, if not absolutely, to what I saw myself, at least to such portions of their united narratives as do not require confirmation.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 5: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon opened the new Drapers Wing of the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables at Putney.

Her Majesty was received by the Mayor of Wandsworth (Councillor P. D. Donoghue), the President of the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables (the Duke of Devonshire) and the Chairman (Lord Bancroft).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque, toured the new Wing, escorted by the Director of Medical and Research Services (Dr J. Wedgwood) and the Director of Nursing Services (Miss M. Blincoe), and met patients and staff.

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Rt Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP, (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening attended the Production and Performance Awards at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Director of the Academy (Mr Reginald Collin) and the Chairman (Mr J. Ceilan Jones).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited J. Sainsbury PLC, Cromwell Road, SW7. Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Jean Rankin as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 5: The Prince and Princess of Wales this morning visited The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at St John's Wood, Ordnance Hill, NW8. Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance. His Royal Highness this evening gave a dinner party at Kensington Palace for Members of the Medical Profession and Complementary Practitioners involved in the field of Undergraduate and Postgraduate education.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 5: The Duke of Gloucester visited The Baltic Exchange today and was entertained to luncheon by the Chairman, Mr Carron Greig, and members of the Board.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order St John, will attend the inaugural concert of the St John Musical Society of Scotland at Stirling University on March 7, 1985.

Mr Jack Swift and Mrs Brian Swift and the children wish to thank all those good friends from the world of racing and from other spheres of life who wrote kind letters and cards of condolence on the death of Mr Brian Swift. They are most grateful for the friendship shown and the sharing of grief.

A memorial service for Mr Haig Gudenian will be held at 11am on Monday, March 25, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. All friends are welcome to attend.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Hugh Lassam Goodson will be held in Exeter Cathedral at noon on Wednesday, March 20.

A memorial service for Eric Warr will be held today at 3, at the Church of St Sepulchre Without Newgate, Holborn Viaduct.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. J. Norman and Miss J. R. J. Naylor-Leyland

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Sir Mark and Lady Norman, of Wilcote Manor, Charlbury, Oxfordshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Naylor-Leyland, of Church Farm, Coates, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr M. P. Austwick and Miss S. F. Bengough

The engagement is announced between Malcolm Paul, son of Professor and Mrs Kenneth Austwick, of Combe Hay, near Bath, and Sarah Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Bengough, of Kensington, London, W8. The marriage will take place on August 10, 1985, in London.

Mr S. K. G. Eyre and Miss D. P. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr M. R. G. Eyre, of St John's Wood, London, and of Mrs Susan Eyre, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Rogers, of Amersham Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr E. Magiera and Miss E. Niewiarowska

The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of the late Mr Ryszard-Hieronim Magiera and Mrs Zdzislawa Magiera, of Ealing, London, and Eve, daughter of Mr Zygmunt Niewiarowski, of Neuilly, France, and Mrs Kristine Niewiarowska, of Stamford Brook, London.

Mr A. H. Brener and Miss F. A. Chuck

The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. Brener, of St John's Wood, London, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Chuck, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr P. B. Jackson and Miss K. P. Lowrie

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs D. E. Jackson, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Lowrie, of Horley, Surrey.

Mr T. J. Robson and Miss J. H. Evans

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Robson, of Swanland, Humberside, and Jennifer Hall, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. O. Evans, of Ouray, Colorado, United States.

Mr C. J. Sutton-Mattocks and Miss H. M. Chardin

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Sutton-Mattocks of Barnes, London, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Chardin, of Cambridge.

Marriage

Mr R. C. Davenport and Mrs M. M. Drew

The marriage took place in Chichester on Friday, March 1, between Mr Robert Davenport, younger son of Rear Admiral and Mrs D. L. Davenport, of Halnaker, West Sussex, and Mrs Mary Drew, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. J. O'Brien, of Blackboys, East Sussex.

Harrow School

Harrow School announces the following scholarships and exhibitions for 1985:

Academic awards – scholarships: Head Master's, N L Good, Hazlewood; Head Master's, S N Ajmeri, Bickley Park; L C Wilson, M Cornes, Davis Senior High S, California, US; L C Wilson, N J Leigh-Hunt, Arnold Lodge; Peter Green, J M Ross, Orley Farm; Clifford Smith, B P Walker, Lockers Park; Toby Green, R J St John Webster, Sandroyd; William Woods, R J Newall, Temple Grove; Shepherd Churchill, D M Blackburn, Scaitcliffe.

Exhibitions: Winston Churchill Birthday, B J W Santuoson, Orley Farm; Seaverns, H L G Paton-Smith, Feisted Preparatory; Pole, A J Greenstock, Orley Farm; Tolland, L K Warren, St Michael's Otford; Pember, M E D Jarrett, Millbourne Lodge.

Music scholarships: Head Master's, N J A Wood, Ravenscroft; L C Wilson, R P Unwin, Westminster Cathedral; Max Mayer, T A Drew, Ashbourne Tutors.

Art scholarship: Edward Murray Frisby, O J Wynne, Orley Farm.

Computer scholarship: Geoffrey Simmonds, P P Hoffman, Windlesham House.

Royal Caledonian Ball

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Thursday, May 30, at Grosvenor House, London, W1. Tickets, at £23, will be available at the end of March from: The Secretary, Royal Caledonian Ball, 94 Elms Road, London, SW4 9EW. Telephone (01) 622 6074.

Service dinner

RN Officers, Oxford University

Mr Kevin McNamara, MP, was the guest speaker at the annual mess dinner of officers of the Royal Navy at Oxford University yesterday.

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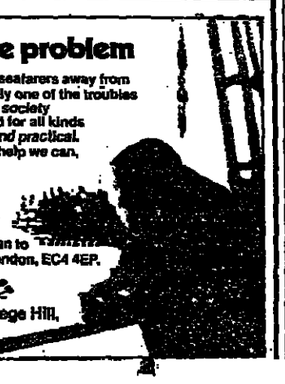
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Loneliness is just one problem

And it is a fairly common problem for seafarers away from home for months at a time. But it is only one of the troubles that people bring to us. As a Christian society working among seafarers we are asked for all kinds of help – spiritual, emotional, social and practical. And we are there, ready to give all the help we can, in all parts of the world.

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The Missions to Seamen
St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL.



Mr Derek Shorrocks with the returned book.

Overdue by 300 years

Britain's longest overdue library book has been returned after more than 300 years, a *time worth a fine of more than* £3,000.

The Book of Fines, a register of property transactions in Taunton, Somerset, between 1641 and 1648, was borrowed by the Bishop of Winchester *from Somerset county records* office.

It *remained in the bishop's* office for 200 years, before passing to the Church Commissioners who kept it until about 10 years ago when it was *given to the Hampshire county* records office.

It was noticed by an archivist who used to work at the Somerset records office.

Mr Derek Shorrocks, Somerset's records officer, said yesterday: "We know it went missing in the middle of the seventeenth century but we never knew where.

Luncheons

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the departing Ambassador of China, Mr Chen Zhaoyuan.

Shrievalty Association

A meeting of members of the Shrievalty Association of Wales and the Chester Circuit was held at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells, on Thursday, February 28, followed by luncheon. The guests included:

The Lord Lieutenant of Powys, Colonel J L Corbett-Winder, Judge Morgan Hughes, Major-General Peter Cuthwell, and the Chief Constable of Dyfed/Powys Police Authority, Mr R B Thomas. The High Sheriff of Powys, Mr David Baird-Murray, was in the chair.

Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company

The Earl of Stockton, OM, senior honorary freeman and liveryman, was entertained at luncheon yesterday at Stationers' Hall by the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company. The Master, Mr L. W. M. Viney, presided.

Receptions

Lord Wells-Pestell

Lord Wells-Pestell, on behalf of Anchor, Bield, Corlan, Fold and Guardian Housing Associations, held a reception in the House of Lords yesterday to celebrate the provision of 20,000 flats and houses for older people. The Chairman of the Anchor Housing Association, Mr Jack Lankester, and the Director of the National Federation of Housing Associations, Mr Richard Best, addressed the meeting. The reception was attended by members of both Houses of Parliament and representatives of the statutory bodies and charitable organizations concerned with the housing and care of older people.

London Bach Society

A reception was given by the London Bach Society at the Martini Terrace, New Zealand House last night to celebrate the Bach tercentenary and to launch the Bach 300 Festival in European Music Year. The guests were received by Lord Avebury, president, Dr Ronald Henson, chairman, and Mrs Henson, and Dr Paul Steinitz, founder-conductor, and Mrs Steinitz. Among those present were:

The Deputy Mayor Westminster; the Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; Mr John Beckett, Mr Norman Buchan, MP, the Dean of Chichester, Dr William Cole, Mr Edmund Dell, Mr John Denison, the Hon Sir Henry Fisher, Sir William Glock, Sir Gilbert and Lady Inglefield, Mr Tony Jessel, MP, Mr Leonard Lickorish, Mr George Mann, the Hon Mrs Fiona Morgan, Mr Michael Moriarty, Mr Ian Partridge, Professor Sir Randolph Quirk, Mrs R Runcie, Mr Norman St John Stevas, MP, Dr Ernest Warburton, Mr Richard Wilding, Mr John Wright, and Mr Nicholas Stainitz.

Dinners

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a dinner given at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Mrs Várkonyi.

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a dinner given at Lancaster House in honour of the visit of the French State Secretary for European Affairs, Mme Catherine Lalumiere.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Viscount Whitelaw, CH, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the High Commissioner for Tanzania were guests at the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held at the Hilton hotel last night. Mr G. M. Townsend, president, was in the chair

Anglo-Spanish Society

The Spanish Ambassador, President of the Anglo-Spanish Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Inn on the Park. The guest of honour was the Duke of Wellington and the guest speaker, Lord Crowther-Hunt, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford. The guests were received by Sir Ronald Lindsay, vice-chairman, and Lady Lindsay. Others present included:

Excma Señora Duquesa de Pinto de la Bellacasa, the Duchess of Wellington, Sir Peter and Lady Allen, Señor and Señora Luis de la Torre, Señor and Señora Ricardo Cortes and Mr and Mrs Rafael Santamaria.

Old Felstedian Society

The annual dinner of the Old Felstedian Society was held at Armoury House last night. Mr A. H. Rodgers, president, was in the chair and Mr M. R. Craze was the guest of honour. Mr E. J. H. Gould, Headmaster of Felsted School, and members of the board of governors were among those present.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Dr Hopkin Maddock, presided over a dinner at the society's headquarters last night. Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, replied to the toast of the guests who included:

Lord Erroll, Sir Max Williams, Dr B L Reece, Dr John Cullen, Professor D R Laurence, MP, Michael Sherrard, MP, Mr Charles S Kennedy, MP, Mr John Hannam, MP, and Mr N Thomas.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Mr John Stradling Thomas, MP, sponsored a dinner last week at the House of Commons for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Those present were:

Professor E J L Soulsby, Professor I A Silver, Mr D L Hanby, Mr A R W Porter, Mr J A Perry, Mr J Crooks, Mr J T Blackburn, Mr B B Hoskin, Mr C Shields, Mr D MacLean, MP, Mr J Stradling Thomas, MP, Mr C Shepherd, MP, Dr M Hughes, MP, Mr G Howells, MP, Mr J Spence, MP, Sir Peter Mills, MP, and the Hon M Lennox-Boyd, MP.

Other recent appointments:

Dr Raymond Rickett, of Middlesex Polytechnic, to be Vice-Chairman and Chairman-designate of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics.

M Jacques Block to be Director General of the International Civil Airports Association from May.

Birthdays today

Dr M. G. Adam, 73; Mr William Davis, 52; Sir Archibald Forbes, 82; Sir Robert Fowler, 71; Professor Sir Charles Frank, 74; Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, 62; Mr Frankie Howerd, 63; Mr Lorin Maazel, 55; Mr Richard Noble, 39; Lord Roberthall, 84; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, 76; the Right Rev David Sheppard, 56; the Hon Samuel Silkin, QC, 67; Sir Peter Stallard, 70; Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, 41; Mr D. H. Whitaker, 54; Sir Oliver Wright, 64.

University news

Oxford

CHRIST CHURCH: Research lectureships of the House: Miss C A Larrington, T F Potts. ST PETER'S COLLEGE: Domus instrumental scholarship: R J Waddington, commoner of the college, formerly of Ampleforth College, York.

Exhibitions: Rosemary D Pearce, Plymouth High School for Girls, philosophy and modern languages; J Wilson, Birkenhead School (Bracebridge), geography; scholarships: T J Holman, Harrogate Grammar School (St Peter's Society); Lucy M N Tregear, Bryanston School, English.

Birmingham

Dr Nicholas Brooks, senior lecturer in medieval history at St Andrews University, professor and head of the department of medieval history.

£5.6m fund for endangered historic sites

A 5.6 million fund enabling archaeologists to mount rescue operations on historic sites about to be disturbed was announced yesterday.

A total of 3.7 million will be immediately available to rescue archaeological sites in England, ranging from Stone Age settlements to parts of Salisbury and Norwich.

The rest will go into research, recording and museum facilities for the finds, with £500,000 for any emergency excavations into unexpected discoveries.

The fund was announced by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage.

Nearly all the sites involved are threatened by building work, quarrying or farming.

Shell hopes to drill for oil near Salisbury

Shell UK said yesterday it wants to drill for oil less than three miles from Salisbury Cathedral.

The site chosen for the three-month-long operation would be near Harnham Water Meadows, across which John Constable painted his views of the cathedral.

Shell is seeking planning permission to drill 5,300ft down at Waldrons Farm, Netherhampton, south-west of Salisbury.

A 130ft high derrick would go up on the three-acre site adjoining the A3094 if Wiltshire County Council allows drilling.

Shell said there was already a row of electricity pylons near the planned position of the borehole

Science report

Sunlight is key to reproductive cycle

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Just as the opening and closing of a flowering plant is controlled by sunlight, the latest results of brain research show that the reproductive cycle of mammals is also influenced by variations in the length of daylight.

Indeed, the conclusion of scientists working with Dr Lawrence Tamarkin, of the US National Institute of Mental Health, in Maryland, is that the seasonal rhythm of reproduction in some animals is regulated this way. Changes also occur in man, but the pattern is far more complicated than for other mammals.

A paper published by Dr Tamarkin's group in *Science* suggests a substance called melatonin, which is produced in the pineal gland, is the crucial biochemical that provides the signal inhibiting or triggering the reproductive cycle.

The exact purpose of the pineal gland, which is a small projection of tissue in the centre of the brain, has long baffled scientists. In the seventeenth century René Descartes supported the idea of the pineal as the "seat of the soul", and that view dominated scientific thought for 250 years.

Researchers have shown that the activity of the pineal gland is regulated by light, and that it produces a host of complex molecules. But the only one for which they have discovered a purpose is melatonin.

Measurements of the blood serum from humans and animals show that levels of the biochemical are low during the day and high at night.

A detailed biochemical explanation of how these levels can be controlled by the brain according to the "photo-period," – or day length is given in the paper in *Science*.

There is a 24 hour fluctuation of the level of melatonin in the body due to inhibition by light and stimulation by darkness. There are also differences in the amount of melatonin before, and after, puberty in men, and before and after ovulation in women.

The measurements have been made with serum taken from people going about their normal activities. No data has been produced on the effects exposing individuals to variations in the lengths of light and darkness.

However, animals have been tested during long and short photo-periods created in the laboratory.

In the animal field, Dr Tamarkin's team, and others, have been measuring the serum of many species of mammals from temperate and polar latitudes.

The species are divided into two groups. One is classified as long-day breeders, such as sheep and deer. The categories depend on whether reproduction is activated as the day lengths increase or decrease.

The measurements have shown the role of melatonin in regulating the reproduction cycle, but the experiments have not found the mechanism by which the biochemical control takes place.

The substance is not a hormone which acts directly on the organs of reproduction, but in some way provides a signal for those hormones which do.

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Sale room

£324,000 paid for tiny glass flask

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Prices soared at Christie's yesterday when ancient glass, formerly in the Kofler-Truniger collection, was offered for sale. A 7.6cm cameo flask dating from about 25 BC to AD 25 was sold for £324,000 (unpublished estimate £100,000) to Robin Symes, a leading London dealer in antiquities.

The little flask is said to come from Eskischehir in Turkey. Its cobalt blue body is decorated with sacrificial scenes in white; a boy approaches an altar to the baboon god Thoth on one side.

A mould-blown flask shaped as a boy's head with a fringed haircut standing 17.2cm high, sold for £102,600 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) to Mansour, a London dealer. It is dated to the fourth-fifth century AD and is said to come from the Eastern Mediterranean. Another moulded beaker with a frieze of gods and seasons dating from the second half of the first century AD went to Robin Symes at £59,400 (estimate £30,000 to £50,000).

The collection of ancient glass formed by Dr and Mrs Ernest Kofler, of Lucerne, is one of the best known recent accumulations. It had been bought as a whole by a collector who subtracted all the Islamic glass himself and consigned the rest to Christie's. He is believed to be Mr Jasim Homaizi, of Kuwait, a very discerning collector who comes from one of the old merchant families.

A richly bound album containing etchings and lithographs by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert was sold at Christie's for £9,720 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) to an English buyer who chose to remain anonymous.

Most of the prints were of their children and are believed to have been made to while away a Christmas holiday. Only a few impressions were taken and those were given to friends. This album was bound for the Duchess of Sutherland and also contains some of her own watercolours.

The other surprise offering of Christie's print sale was a pair of very rare soft-ground landscapes etchings by Thomas Gainsborough, thought to be proofs pulled by the artist himself. A "Wooded landscape with two country carts" made £11,340 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) to Artemis, the highest price on record for a Gainsborough print.

The second, "Wooded landscape with herdsman", went to Christopher Mendez for £3,780 (estimate £1,800 to £2,500). The sale totalled £63,784 with 15 per cent unsold.

A very large, very broken white porcelain rendering of "The death of St Franciscus Xaverius", complete with porcelain angels in porcelain clouds, tree trunks, onlookers and grass proved the star turn of Sotheby's porcelain sale, selling for £39,360 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) to G. Neuse, of Bremen.

It belongs to a series of religious groups modelled by J. J. Kaendler for the Meissen factory in about 1740. In contrast, a pot of Sèvres flowers was unsold at £9,500 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

Porcelains with silhouette decoration from the Mirgan May collection proved very popular.

At Christie's in Glasgow a gold presentation snuff box made in Montrose in the 1790s by Benjamin Lumsden made £11,663 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500).

Protest over Oxfam appointment

by Michael Horsnell

The appointment of a serving officer at the Ministry of Defence to the post of deputy director of Oxfam has led to protests from its staff.

Lieutenant Colonel David Jones, aged 48, who is in charge of operational requirements at the ministry will take over the appointment with the Oxford-based charity in August at a salary of more than £16,000.

Some staff have complained that the appointment is not in keeping with the pacifist and Quaker traditions of the charity, which was formed in 1942, and are threatening unspecified protest actions.

The controversy about Mr Jones comes after the appointment of Mr Frank Judd, a former Navy minister, as director of Oxfam from next July.

A spokesman for the charity said: "Mr Jones's sole background is military and because of Oxfam traditions some staff are unhappy because they feel this is not consistent with what we stand for."

But Mr Chris Barber, chairman of Oxfam, said: "Mr Jones is a man of very considerable talents and abilities with useful overseas experience including relief and aid work".

Latest wills

Baron Clitheroe, of Clitheroe, who as Mr Ralph Assheton, MP, was chairman of the Conservative Party from 1944 to 1946, left estate valued at £307,767 net.

Deaner, Commander Charles Montague, RN (retd), of East Hagbourne, Oxfordshire.....£451,717

Colfe's School

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of Colfe's School yesterday it was reported that Prince Michael of Kent had accepted an invitation to be the school's visitor. Prince Michael is an honorary liveryman of the Leathersellers Company of the City of London, the foundation trustee of the school.

OBITUARY

PROF JOHN MUNRO

Research in civil engineering

Professor John Munro, CEng, FICE, FIStructE, who died suddenly on February 27, aged 56, had been Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, since 1982.

Born in Glasgow on July 8, 1928, Munro graduated from Glasgow University in 1951. After a year spent on elementary reinforced concrete design with Truscon Steel Company, he was an Engineer with Ove Arub and Partners from 1952-55.

Following postgraduate study at the College he was appointed a Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering in 1957 and spent the rest of his career in the service of the College. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1967, was awarded the title of Reader in 1974 and received the conferred title of Professor of Civil Engineering Systems in 1980.

In 1963-64 he was Fulbright Visiting Professor of Structural Engineering and Structural Mechanics, University of California, Berkeley and also held visiting appointments in the USA at Princeton, Michigan State University, and the University of Colorado.

Munro made many significant contributions to research in topics as diverse as shell theory, vibratone, engineering plasticity, mathematical programming, structural reliability, statistical decision analysis and fuzzy logic applied to imprecision in civil engineering. He developed the skill through the breadth of his general knowledge and reading, of being able to identify completely new areas of research, allied to developments in mathematics and information technology, which were ideally suited to his highly individual way of thinking.

In the last months of Munro's life while continuing to carry his full load of administrative and teaching duties, he directed research into Expert Systems which is showing considerable promise and established within his department a laboratory for this work which has relevance for all disciplines in civil engineering.

He was editor of the Ellis Horwood Series of Engineering Texts and co-editor of the journals *Engineering Structures* and *Civil Engineering Systems*. He actedas consultant on many problems of structural design including an interesting assignment on the re-building of the Dome of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

A Centenary History of the City and Guilds College, published on the day of his death decures that even within the limited period of his headship he had proved himself "a dynamic and buoyant leader". Apart from his intellectual distinction and enthusiasm, he will be remembered by staff and students alike for approachability, understanding and kindness.

Notwithstanding his heavy professional commitments, he was able to maintain an active interest in a wide range of the arts, in his Scottish heritage and in athletics, at which he had represented Scottish schools in international competition.

Munro leaves a widow, Dorothe, a son and daughter.

DR JOHN DENHAM

Dr John Denham, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist at The London Hospital and Medical Director of St Clement's Hospital, died following an accident on February 17, aged 68.

John Denham, formerly Hans Duschinsky, was born in Vienna and was in the final year of his medical studies when he fled to England in 1939. On the outbreak of war he joined the RAMC as a private, later rising to sergeant, and served in West Africa and then in Burma.

After the war he continued his studies at the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff, qualifying in 1949. He gained the DPM (Lond) in 1951, the MD (Lond) in 1953, and was elected a Foundation Fellow of The Royal College of Psychiatrists (FRCPsych) in 1971.

He entered psychiatry, which had always been his main interest, soon after qualifying, and following a series of junior posts was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to Long Grove Hospital, Epsom, in 1958. In 1963 he became Medical director of St Clement's Hospital, Bow, and soon afterwards Consultant Psychiatrist to The London Hospital.

Denham was one of that group of refugees from Nazi persecution who made a major contribution to psychiatry in this country. Foremost in his interests was rehabilitation, and at Long Grove he established one of the early rehabilitation units. In 1960 he became Foundation Member of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, an organization in which he took great pride and in which he was active particularly in the East End until his death.

Long before the term "community care" and "crisis intervention" became commonplace, it was frequently his practice to visit patients at home as a means of preventing their admission to hospital by dealing with their problems in the settings in which they lived. He also had major interests in the psychotropic drugs, in drug addiction and in alcohol abuse, and he set up the Unit for Drug Addiction at St Clement's Hospital.

He has a special interet in forensic psychiatry and was in great demand as an expert witness in that field. He published numerous papers on rehabilitation, on psychotropic drugs and on community care.

John Denham was an excellent clinician, an exceedingly hard worker and had great personal charm. He was dedicated to his patients and was greatly loved by them. He was determined to build a good service in their interest and was intolerant of delays and opposition, so that although he was not always popular he usually achieved what he set out to do.

He laid the foundations for and developed the community mental health services in the East End of London, and they are a fitting memorial to his efforts.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and by two sons.

LORD CHAMPION

Lord Champion, PC, JP, who died on March 2 at the age of 87 had been Labour MP for South Derbyshire from 1945 to 1950, and for South-East Derbyshire from 1950 to 1959. He was also a former Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords.

Arthur Joseph Champion was born on July 26, 1897 at Glastonbury, Somerset, and educated at St John's School, Glastonbury.

He worked on the railways as a signalman and, having gone to live in Glamorgan served in the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the 1914-18 War.

He was for some years a member of the executive of the NUR and it was as a NUR sponsored candidate that he entered the House of Commons in 1945 for South Derbyshire. He was successively PPS to the Minister of Food, 1949-50, and the Minister of War 1950-51.

Before the fall of the Labour government in 1951 he was briefly joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and throughout the remainder of his career in the Commons was spokesman on these topics in opposition.

In 1959 he lost his seat by 12 votes at the General Election and in 1962 was made a Life Peer.

In the Lords he was Minister Without Portfolio and Deputy Leader of the Lords in Harold Wilson's administration from 1964 to 1967 when he resigned. From 1967 to 1981 he was Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Committee, House of Lords.

A strong pro-Marketeer, Champion was formerly a British Delegate to the Consultative Assembly at Strasbourg.

In 1953 while still an MP he was thanked by a Ministry of Transport inquiry for his prompt action in hurrying from the wreck of the Bradford-Bristol express in which he was a passenger, to ensure that neighbouring signals were set to stop approaching trains.

PROF TJALLING KOOPMANS

Professor Tjalling C. Koopmans, who died in New Haven, Connecticut, on February 26 at the age of 74, was a distinguished economist who was Professor of Economics at Yale University from 1955 to 1980 and joint winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1975.

The prize was awarded jointly to him and to Professor Leonid Kantorovich, a Soviet economist, for the contributions they had made independently to the theory of optimum allocation of scarce resources.

Tjalling Charles Koopmans was born in the Netherlands on August 28, 1910, and educated at the universities of Utrecht and Leiden. From 1938 to 1940 he worked as an economist with the League of Nations in Geneva. He then went to the United States, where he spent the rest of his life.

From 1942 to 1944 he was a statistician at the Combined Shipping Adjustment Board in Washington, and it was there that he began to think about the use of scarce resources as he planned where best to send cargo ships after unloading.

From 1944 to 1955 he was associated with the University of Chicago, where he became Professor of Economics and Director of Research at the Cowles Commission. In 1955 he moved to Yale, where he was also Professor of Economics and, after his retirement in 1980, Professor Emeritus.

Major-General Halford David Fellowes, CB, DSO, Royal Marines, retired, died on March 2 at the age of 78. He had served during the war in the Special Service Group and in Arakan, where he was wounded and decorated. He was Commander Plymouth Group, Royal Marines from 1954 to 1957 when he retired.

Mr John William Pidcock, Principal Careers Officer for the City of Manchester from 1960 to 1984, died on Febrary 20 at the age of 64.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

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THE ARTS



Photograph of Galina Vishnevskaya by Bill Warhurst

Galina Vishnevskaya, once the Soviet Union's leading soprano but now in exile, hits back passionately in her autobiography, published this week: interview by Caroline Moorehead

Why the curtain fell

It took Galina Vishnevskaya, exiled prima soprano of the Bolshoi, just over four years to write her autobiography, with 5,000 rejected pages in the waste paper basket and a pain of such acuteness in her right elbow that she was forced to consult a doctor. But she was never in any doubts about the need to press on.

"I had been living in the West for six years. It was clear to me from my concerts that people wanted to know more about Russia. Since I couldn't grasp non-Russian languages, I had no choice but to write it all down." The result, *Galina*, has already been so successful in America, where it appeared in September, that its London publishers, Hodder & Stoughton, were reprinting before its publication here this week. It costs £14.95.

Galina is a 500-page enraged attack on the Soviet Union and its leadership, and in particular on the treatment of performing artists which, as a member of the Bolshoi for 22 years, holder of the highest Soviet honours and wife of the cellist-conductor Mstislav Rostropovich, Galina Vishnevskaya was exceptionally well placed to observe. When Solzhenitsyn came to live with them in a guest house attached to their dacha, the slow process of professional attrition began.

Over the next six years privileges faded away. Rostropovich was removed from the Bolshoi and his foreign tours were cancelled; then the newspapers stopped printing articles about her, and her voice was no longer heard on radio or television. In July 1974 the Rostropovichs, with their two daughters and a few suitcases of clothes, were granted a two-year "creative sabbatical" and left for Paris. Their clear understanding was that they would go back, not in two years perhaps, but possibly five, when the ill feeling against them had died down. They were watching television one evening when they saw on a news bulletin that they had been deprived of their Soviet citizenship. Was she very upset?

"No, not upset. That's not the word. I felt terribly offended, insulted. I'll never forget that feeling. That's how a satrap deals with his vassals – he doesn't even deign to tell them himself." Appalled, then, but not very surprised: in interviews, the Rostropovichs had made no effort to disguise their disgust for the regime they left behind.

Vishnevskaya is not greatly interested in talking about her own life. She returns smartly to the subject she wants to talk about now: the Soviet Union. When they left, only Rostropovich's sister Veronica and her family stayed behind, Vishnevskaya having no family. A violinist, Veronica has not been allowed abroad to play, and both she and her husband have been retired early: their son cannot find work. None of this is unexpected. Life today in the Soviet Union is bleaker than when she left it: "If such a thing is possible. In the provinces butter and meat are rationed – wartime rations. It's a kind of famine."

For artists "We hear it's grey, nothing interesting, all very mediocre. At least our generation were in touch with older teachers who still had pre-revolutionary ideals of freedom. But where can the young get their ideas now? There are lots of performing artists in Russia – do you realize we have over 40 opera houses alone? Now and again someone of talent comes up, but how can he develop? Frontiers have to be opened to flower. This is the tragedy of the Russian people: the moral degradation of a society."

Can it change? "Only if the whole Soviet Union gets blown sky-high." Vishnevskaya uses her arms to sketch out the explosion, while her voice swells with alarming ferocity.

Apart from her own desire to set down an account of life under Stalin, and in the years of ostensible thaw – which, she says, were a thaw only to those outside Russia, since despite Khrushchev's famous speech to the Twentieth Party Congress in 1956 nothing actually happened to those who had been responsible for killing millions – she decided to write *Galina* because no one else seemed to be writing enough.

"Why didn't Nureyev write? Or Baryshnikov? It's not just a question of jetées. A lot of artists who should have written haven't because they feared it might have an adverse affect on their careers. It is a duty to speak – otherwise why not stay there and sing and dance?"

This year she plans to direct opera for the first time, with Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Tsar's Bride*, first in Monaco and later in Washington, saying that Russian opera is far too little known in the West. How will she manage with so little English or French? "Emotionally", she says, laughing, thumping at her heart with great vigour, rolling the word in English with a deep guttural sound. "Emotion. Emotion."

Concerts

Cool appreciation

Malcolm Binns
St John's/Radio 3

Debussy's "Danseuses de Delphes" signed, and Chopin's F major Nocturne sealed, Malcolm Binns's BBC lunchtime recital at St John's, Smith Square, on Monday. He made his mark at short notice, standing-in for the indisposed Jean-Philippe Collard, and he made it with the chiselled, lightly flared caligraphy which characterized both his first Prelude and the astutely selected Nocturne encore.

Binns seems to see Debussy's first book of Preludes in black and white. Colour – in the voice of softly blended harmonic tints, echoing rhythms and vivid physical contrasts – is not for him. Just as the chaste marking of the outer lines of the first Prelude was elucidated by clear, cool pedalling, so the gusty semiquaver movement of "Le Vent dans la plaine" was made the keener by its austere, toccata-like articulation.

The plainness of his totally unmannered "La Fille aux cheveux de lin" could well have indicated a merely cerebral reading. But behind this apparent denial of the senses lay a delicate appreciation of the piece's essential sensibility. Instead of rubato, fed primarily by langour, the most subtle movement of breath would catch up the end of one half-phrase into the beginning of another, to create a rare sense of *poignant possibility – Prufrock's* "Figlia che piange" incarnate.

This decision to suggest, rather than illustrate, worked a little less compellingly in Preludes such as "Le Danse de Puck" and "Minstrels", which thrive on rather more aggression and rhythmic audacity. But "La Sérénade interrompue" was tickled by a new, mordant wit, and Baudelaire's "sons et parfums" turned in a lighter, atmosphere, bouncing freely from imagination to keyboard and back again into the air. There will be another chance to hear the recital at 11pm next Sunday on Radio 3.

Hilary Finch

LSO/Capolongo
Barbican

So rare are premières at the Barbican that the performance of a dozen or so bars of "new" Liszt becomes quite newsworthy. The American pianist Ozan Marsh discovered them – lurking at the end of the slow movement in an early sketch for the First Piano Concerto – while he was researching in *eastern Europe, and included* them here.

Since they offered more of a clarinet solo which Jack Brymer invested with gorgeous tone, one was inclined not to quibble that Liszt's later thoughts are neater and more logical. Marsh also brought with him an early version of the *Totentanz*. This began its macabre progress with some spectacular clouts on chimes and drums, bringing to mind some of Stokowski's famous "improvements", but then proceeded in fairly familiar form.

It must be said that the soloist's diligence in digging up new notes was not entirely matched by his flair for playing the familiar ones. In the *Totentanz* he coped with Liszt's somewhat gymnastic vision of approaching death by swamping passages of chromatic figuration in the comfortable wash of the sustaining pedal, and his indulgent spreading of chords achieved nothing except an unsettling of metre.

His concerto performance was more secure. There was a welcome tranquillity in the slow movement and the finale danced jauntily, despite a *shuddering, unmarked change* of tempo (another discovery in an early manuscript?)

A programme beginning with the skeletonic rattle of Liszt and concluding with the imminent rigor mortis of Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" seemed to dispirit the LSO for some reason, and their tuning and ensemble were sometimes ragged. For this some blame must lie with Paul Capolongo's conducting. He obtained neat enough accompaniments for his soloist, but elsewhere tended to emphasize only obvious surface details, and his gestures were not explicit enough to prevent *some unseemly accelerations.*

Richard Morrison

Theatre

Night Mother
Hampstead

As anyone who has ever lived with a suicidal partner will know, trying to argue him or her out of it is an humiliating experience. Faced with someone who has decided on oblivion, you are left mouthing affirmative platitudes that only undermine your own justification for staying alive.

So it is in Marsha Norman's play, a domestic two-hander beginning with a daughter informing her mother that she is about to shoot herself, and proceeding with unswerving certainty to the moment when *she locks herself* in the bedroom and pulls the trigger. Even the centrally positioned bedroom door duplicates the inexorable design of the Greek tragic stage.

This being an American play (and a Pulitzer Prize-winner at that) you would expect Jessie's last hour to be the occasion for unleashing a torrent of bitter and long-suppressed memories. *But nothing of the kind. The* one thing she insists on again and again is that her mother is in no way to blame; and her only motive for announcing her death in advance is to reconcile her mother to it, and to straighten out the household affairs.

As *Susan Wooldridge plays* her, Jessie might simply be taking a holiday. She has stocked up on her mother's favourite foods, reorganized the kitchen and made helpful lists for her scatty parent to refer to during her absence.

Even her father's gun, which she unearths from an old shoebox in the attic, appears simply as something she will be needing for her trip. Reverting to childhood, she asks for a caramel apple, her lips trembling. As for the reasons for dying, we learn in passing about her collapsed marriage and her drug-addict son, and that she does not care about the world *from what she reads in the* newspapers. She does not push any of these motives or go into detail; she has merely taken stock of her life and decided that death is "where I'd rather be".

Passion arises only from the response of her mother – a woman who has by no means relinquished her appetite for life, even though it holds few pleasures apart from crochet-work, candy bars and neighbourhood gossip. Marjorie Yates puts her through a cycle of increasing despair, beginning with shoulder-shrugging derision, and passing through phases of hollow morale-boosting and pleas of helplessness, before being reduced to a state of entranced submission, responding in whispered echoes as Jessie tells her precisely what to do once she has made her exit.

The dialogue is low-toned, frequently comic, and it rings *with truth. It also lights up the* two women's past lives as stories of failure and disappointment, for which they were themselves largely to blame. There is a strong sense that we are now seeing them at their best under the stress of an extreme situation, very different from the taciturn dullness of their normal behaviour.

I confess to being largely unmoved by Michael Attenborough's production, from which Jessie emerges as so much the stronger of the two characters and so removed from human attachments as to strain dramatic contact almost to *breaking point. Of the play's* integrity, however, there is no question. This is the work of a writer who has visited a most desolate and life-defying zone of the emotional wilderness, and come back with an accurate report.

Irving Wardle



A Verona farewell: Tatiana Troyanos (right) with Katia Ricciarelli

Opera

I Capuleti e i Montecchi
Covent Garden

Just a year ago Riccardo Muti, with substantial help from Agnes Baltsa and Edita Gruberová, awoke *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* from over a century of oblivion – at least as far as London was concerned. Together they argued the strongest possible musical case for Bellini's opera on Romeo and Juliet: Shakespeare may be *forgotten because the composer* and his librettist, Romani, drew on Italian not English sources. And together they provided one of the most musically satisfying evenings heard all season. No wonder EMI were on hand for a recording to be issued in the autumn.

This week's revival, with entirely new forces, for a time threatened to rock the *Capuleti* cause right back on its heels. The Danish conductor Michael Schønwandt gave a rough account of the overture with more than a touch of Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens about it, and then found that the house curtain would not rise: a most embarassing start to a Royal Opera House début. Earlier an apology had been made on behalf of Tatiana Troyanos, returning to Covent Garden after a 10-year absence to sing Romeo, for a throat infection. *Miss Troyanos spent a lot of* Bellini's lengthy first act shaking her body to get the right notes out, much like an athlete trying to shrug off an injury. Sometimes she succeeded. And sometimes she did not, notably in Romeo's Act I cabaletta, "La tremenda ultrice spada", which *is always likely to tax an in*form mezzo let alone a struggling one.

It was left to Katia Ricciarelli as Giulietta to provide the Bellini singing, although Keith Lewis as Tebaldo took considerable risks and showed considerable promise. (Bellini's Tebaldo, unlike Shakespeare's Tybalt, is left alive but none too happy at the end of the proceedings.) Ricciarelli is still cultivating extremes of volume, with Giulietta's opening aria "Oh! quante volte" started softly enough to make its harp accompaniment appear raucous. Then at the end of the act, in Bellini's mighty finale, she unleashed sound to carry above everyone else on stage as the Montagues and Capulets have at one another – pretty tamely in Pier Luigi Pizzi's production.

The interval wrought a change. Troyanos recovered much of the masculine timbre in her voice and began to turn Romeo into a lover rather than merely concentrate on her singing. But Baltsa's intense and introspective interpretation remains much closer to ideal casting. Schønwandt began coaxing a Bellinian line out of the orchestra, notably from the clarinets. Ricciarelli continued to impress as Guilietta, turning her into a rather frailer girl than Gruberová showed. It was a *pleasure to hear Ricciarelli back* in vocal health in a house where she has not always been heard at her best recently. Richard Van Allan made a dark and morose Capellio who is stuck with general censure at the end. In sum, there were plenty of signs of the *Capuleti* that might have been and perhaps will be.

Pizzi's production does little more than frame the music, sometimes prettily, as when Romeo nurses his passions or his melancholy against glimpses of Verona, and sometimes clumsily, with anonymous olive pillars, moved very slowly by Covent Garden's stage hands, that could have supported virtually any opera.

John Higgins

● There will be four new productions in the Metropolitan Opera's 1985-86 season, including the première there of Handel's *Samson* in this year's Covent Garden staging; as in London, Jon Vickers and Carol Vaness head the cast. Another production which Britain will see before America is Sir Peter Hall's of *Carmen*, which begins the Glyndebourne season this year and opens at the Met in March 1986; Maria Ewing, as at Glyndebourne, takes the title role, Placido Domingo sings Don José and James Levine conducts. He also conducts a new *Nozze di Figaro*, directed and designed by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle. The season's first new production is Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina*, directed by August Everding, with Martti Talvela singing Dosifei.

Rock

Eric Clapton
Wembley Arena

Although revered by his fans, Eric Clapton is ever the reluctant hero. Since his days in the 1960s with Cream, the first genuine supergroup, Clapton has been at pains to underplay his status as the nearest thing to a musical deity. Through his recordings and performances in the 1970s he sought to switch the emphasis from high-profile guitar hero to that of singer and songsmith, proving himself a capable all-round performer who was only human after all.

Now with all that behind him he is relaxed enough to display once again some of the stirring blues guitar artistry that elevated him in the first place, and at this performance even included as part of a slow blues medley a snatch of "Rambling On My Mind", an old John Mayall song which in 1966 marked Clapton's first recording as a vocalist.

While the youthful histrionics of his former period have long been discarded, Clapton can still pull out a heart-stopping solo when the mood takes him. The swift, fluid flurries of notes, the expressive bending of the strings and his exemplary command of left-hand vibrato technique were all in evidence in "Same Old Blues" and "Have You Ever Loved a Woman?". A superb rock-steady version of "Badge" was a *rare treat from the Cream* catalogue.

But for the most part Clapton preferred to sing the songs that have established his solo career: "I Shot the Sheriff", "Lay Down Sally", "Wonderful Tonight" and "Layla" were delivered in his gruff, baleful voice. At other times, when the backing vocalists Marcy Levy and Shaun Murphy took solo numbers, Clapton retreated modestly into the fold of the band, sticking his lit cigarette on the bared end of a string at the guitar's headstock in a familiar gesture of bar-room cool.

Clapton has confronted the *problem of becoming an ageing* legend with dignity and imagination. The unhurried pace of the concert, and his self-effacing committment to the songs rather than his own aggrandizement, revealed a sense of style that befits a master of the trade.

David Sinclair

Television

Powers of distortion

The power of television seems most awesome and dangerous when it is considered in relation to news coverage. Within the span of a single generation television has become the primary source of information for almost the entire population of the Northern Hemisphere, and has brought to this role powers of translation and suggestion of which the audience is largely innocent.

In News Power, the first of two programmes allocated to news coverage in Granada's series *Television*, we first looked back to earlier ages when the BBC considered pictures "too distracting" to be screened in news bulletins and when the young Christopher Chataway was to be found at Heathrow airport ambushing government ministers with a microphone and the respectful question "Well, sir, how do you view the situation?".

This nostalgic age was merely glimpsed before the programme settled down to address the most troubling qualities of the world's most powerful form of communication. First came television's ability to amplify and project a human personality; an effect which operates so strongly that audiences make judgements which are largely determined by emotional response rather than the facts.

The case chosen to demonstrate this modern sorcery was one in which it was deployed in a sympathetic cause: the famous assault on the credibility of the anti-communist Senator Joseph McCarthy by the American commentator Ed Murrow, which culminated in a televised Senate hearing at which McCarthy virtually "had a nervous breakdown on screen".

An entire series could be devoted to an examination of the interaction between television and the American presidency. In the space of last night's alloted hour it was enough to see the young President Kennedy smile and court the camera.

A decade ago in this newspaper John Birt and Peter Jay commented on the fatal preference of televised news for action and strong visual images and the consequent "incoherent highlighting of society's sores" which often substitutes for analysis of complex public issues. The progress of television news towards redressing the effect of this selectivity has been painfully slow but determined since then, and this programme did not attempt to evaluate it. Instead it concluded with an excellent demonstration of the way the natural inclination towards the strongest picture can distort an event's significance; by monitoring news bulletins in four countries on the same day, the programme-makers caught an insignificant act of violence committed in a small town in Sicily in the process of gaining unwarranted prominence because it occurred on a slow news day.

Celia Brayfield

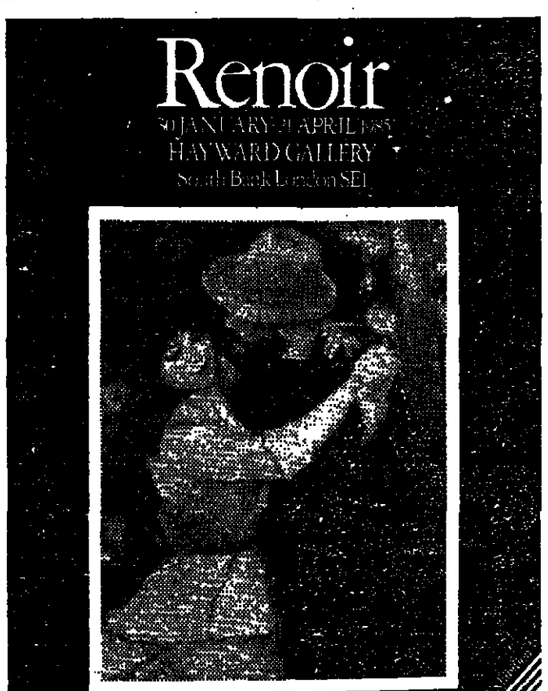
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Berrill brings traditional values as SIB chief

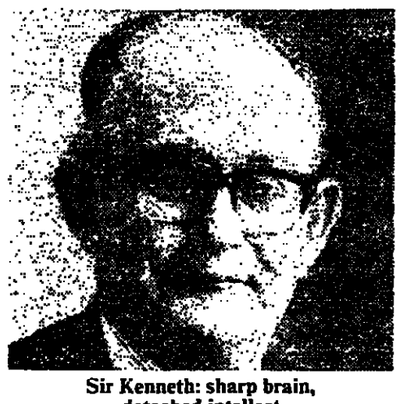
After on embarrassingly protracted hunt, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Bank of England were almost desperate to come up with a chairman for the embryonic Securities and Investments Board, the body which schemed to undertake the lion's share of monitoring the rapidly evolving, "new" financial services industry. So keen were they to parade the chosen man – Sir Kenneth Berrill, head of the stockbroking group, Vickers da Costa – that they did so yesterday without Sir Kenneth's knowing his terms of employment, not least, his salary. It is a sign of Sir Kenneth's faith in the City's traditional values that it was sufficient for him to have the assurance of Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank, that his remuneration would be "market-related".

If supply and demand are the arbiters, Sir Kenneth will receive a king's ransom. The January White Paper on the proposed framework for regulating financial services was so loosely worded that the appointment of the SIB's chairman was of fundamental importance. The list of plausible candidates was disturbingly short, needing as it did someone with experience of the City's ways but who could credibly be presented as not part of the City's fabric.

By such standards, the selection of Sir Kenneth is astute. His career began, in the footsteps of Keynes, as Bursar of King's College, Cambridge. After a spell in investment trusts he entered Whitehall as head of the Government Economic Service and subsequently head of the now-disbanded Central Policy Review Staff, the popularly named "Think Tank".

Four years ago he completed the circle by becoming chairman of Vickers da Costa and *de facto* investment manager of the £2 billion Universities Superannuation Scheme. He is a nominated member of the Council of Lloyd's, a post he intends to retain for the time being. All other posts, including Vickers will be shed. Sir Kenneth wishes to hold his personal investments at arm's length.

What manner of man will the City's transgressors face? A sharp brain and a detached intellect with an insight into techniques for finding loopholes which has made the City Takeover Code and Stock Exchange rule book so unwieldy. However, his performance at yesterday's Press conference suggests that he is not



Sir Kenneth: sharp brain, detached intellect

temperamentally inclined to blaze new trails, but rather to administer fairly the hand he is dealt by Parliament.

It was a wise decision to announce simultaneously that Sir Kenneth's part-time deputy will be Martin Jacomb, a vice-chairman of the merchant banking group Kleinwort, Benson and many people's early tip for Sir Kenneth's job. Mr Jacomb has not Sir Kenneth's Whitehall experience, and he is too valuable to Kleiwort for them to let him go at this juncture. By contrast, Sir Kenneth's reign at Vickers was about to be overtaken by the brokers' impending merger with Citicorp.

Around him Sir Kenneth intends to gather a board of a dozen part-timers drawn from City practitioners. These may include users of financial services like institutional fund managers, but we are unlikely to see a private investor co-opted *per se*. Initially the SIB will be staffed by bright young things from City firms who would benefit professionally from a couple of years's secondment to the gamekeeping division.

Sir Kenneth has a first term of three years, when he will be 67. The regulatory pattern will be set by then, and that may be the right time to hand on to someone who will develop and refine the pattern into a workable system for the 1990s. It is a safe prediction that the other regulatory body proposed in the White Paper, the Marketing of Investments Board (for life insurance and unit trusts) will be safely tucked under Sir Kenneth's capable wing.

Fleet-Aitken talks broken off

Yesterday's statement from the boards of Fleet Holdings and Aitken Hume International poses more questions than it answers. The two companies have discontinued discussions disclosed on February 18, which had been aimed at exploring possible ways in which the two companies might form "a mutually beneficial association".

The decision to stop talking is hardly a surprise. Holders of about 40 per cent of Fleet shares were, to put it mildly, sceptical of the advantages of any such association.

The statement leaves open the prospect that the two sides might return to the negotiating table, as they say they could not find a basis of association "at present". As an idea, a Fleet-Aitken link bears all the marks of yesterday's wheeze. It would be hard regenerate the earlier enthusiasm.

More interestingly, Fleet goes out of its way to deny as "press speculation" that these discussions were part of a policy to thwart a possible bid for Fleet. "This was not so," we are told in terms so unequivocal that it is hard not to believe that someone doth protest too much.

Lord Matthews, Fleet's chairman, also took the opportunity to restate his aim to grow by acquisition outside publishing where this is seen to be commercially desirable, adding that this will continue to be a prime objective for the company. That will strike a jarring note with David Stevens, the chairman of United Newspapers, the provincial newspaper group which has compiled a 20 per cent interest in Fleet and has ambitions toward Lord Matthews' fief. It will similarly displease Warburg Investment Management, which can speak for 15 per cent of Fleet and does not wish to see that holding diluted or made less attractive to a would-be bidder.

In a sense, Lord Matthews has put predatory parties on notice. If they do not move soon, they will hardly be able to complain that they were not warned. The future ownership of Fleet, and its *Daily* and *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star* titles, may therefore be resolved within a matter of months.

SE Council agrees to changes at last

The Stock Exchange's ruling council yesterday gave general approval to wide ranging and complex changes in the membership rules which would allow new corporate members to join the market. The 52-member council has been debating changes since the beginning of January and yesterday's breakthrough may have been the result of exhaustion and frustration than a true meeting of minds.

Compromise is inevitable. The council has to design rules that allow new members in at reasonable cost and to provide adequate compensation for the existing 4,500 member proprietors.

A "white paper" which the council hopes to send to members by the middle of April at the latest, will touch on a wide range of policies and regulations as well as membership and the cost of entry.

Unilever ready to spend £1bn on American acquisition

By Christopher Dunn

Unilever is poised to make a big US acquisition, probably worth up to £1 billion, to extend its interests in the North American market. The deal would be financed by long-term borrowing in the US domestic bond market, where Unilever enjoys a triple "A" credit status, a rare distinction in New York for a foreign company. So far, Unilever has not used its US borrowing facility.

Sir Kenneth Durham, chairman, confirmed that Unilever had been looking for a US takeover candidate during the past 18 months. Several approaches had been frustrated by the high ratings attached to likely bid candidates. Anti-trust problems probably rule out mergers with companies like Colgate and Procter and Gamble.

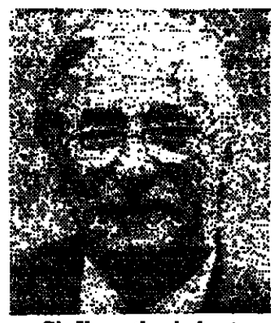
News of the group's bid ambitions leaked out yesterday after publication of Unilever's 1984 figures, which show pretax profits of £924 million, up 20 per cent on the previous year's £769 million.

This is about £50 million above market expectations, and the shares responded sharply, moving ahead by some 80p to nearly £12½. At this level, the company is capitalized at nearly £2.3 billion.

Traders confidently expect that Unilever will sail past £1 billion profits during 1985, and could, under Sir Kenneth Durham, enjoy the kind of stock market rerating which ICI has seen under the leadership of Mr John Harvey-Jones.

A sizable US acquisition would confirm the view that Unilever has entered a period positive change.

On the results, Sir Kenneth commented: "An essential feature of our strategy is to develop strong brands, and to promote them vigorously. in 1984, our shares of most key markets increased. This was particularly the case in the US, where all our companies progressed well."



Sir Kenneth: aiming to develop strong brands

Sir Kenneth also identified South East Asia as a big growth area for Unilever, the group is keen to sell companies which no longer figure prominently in the group's growth strategy.

Last year, operating profits for Unilever's North American activities rose by a third to £187 million. They account for a fifth of group trading profits. Europe still supplies the largest portion of all Unilever's trading regions, contributing £328 million

Last year, Unilver's capital spending in the US expanded sharply, rising from £100 million in 1983 to £163 million. European capital spending increased from £258 million to £292 million, while spending in Africa was broadly unchanged at £33 million. Of the 372,000 employed by Unilver, 113,000 work in Africa, while the US workforce totals just 22,000.

On acquisitions, Sir Kenneth said: "We have increasingly looked for acquisitions which would reinforce our key activities. Over the past two years, we have made 32 takeovers. All of these illustrate our determination to expand oue interests in selected areas."

On the group's most recent buy, last year's £390 million purchase of Brooke Bond, "Sir Kenneth said that it would more than meet the expectations at the time of the offer."

GrandMet offers new hope on price war

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Stanley Grinstead, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, yesterday raised hopes that an end may be in sight to the bitter cigarette price war in the United States which is denting the group's profitability.

Mr Grinstead had earlier warned shareholders at the annual meeting in London to expect "significantly lower" profits before tax for the first half of the present year.

He said the contribution from its American consumer products business had suffered a sharp slump in earnings in the first quarter because of lower margins on sales of generic and private label cigarettes by its transatlantic offshoot, Liggett and Myers.

He said that margins would remain under pressure until the beginning of July when the present round of price discounting was due to be reviewed.

Later, the Grand Metropolitan chairman said he believed that its main competitor, BAT's Brown and Williamson, would realize that "this situation cannot continue indefinitely".

Mr Grinstead said: "We believe that in due time more like normal circumstances will re-establish themselves."

He said he hoped that Brown and Williamson would begin to raise their prices from the middle of the year. "We will then be able to match them and margins will start to be restored." But he said that if the price-cutting was continued, Grand Metropolitan would remain in the market and follow suit.

During the meeting Mr Grinstead admitted the group had been "baulked" from finding likely buyers for Liggett and Myers because of the uncertain state of the cigarette market. The cut-price war last year killed plans to sell the business to its own management for $325 million (£307 million).

Mr Grinstead said that, despite the problems, he expects the group to achieve a "satisfactory result" for the full year.

Last year the group made a pretax profit of £334 million but analysts' forecasts for the current 12 months have been chipped away because of concern over the US side.

● Lord Delfont, chairman of the First Leisure group, told shareholders at the annual meeting that he was "encouraged" by trading results for the first quarter of this year, with excellent results from its chain of discotheques. He was also looking for new sites for further snooker halls. The shares were 1p better at 249p.

NatWest beats forecasts with 30% jump to £671m

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

National Westminster bank pushed up pretax profits by 30 per cent to £671 million last year, largely because of a strong performance by domestic banking.

The results, £30 million higher than expected, caused a flurry of activity among clearing bank shares. NatWest, which is paying a 16.34p net final dividend to give a 6.3 per cent rise to 25.6p for the year after adjusting for last year's £236 million rights issue, closed up 8p at 652p.

Midland Bank is due to report today followed by Barclays and Lloyds Bank. NatWest's performance raised the possbility that it may have toppled Barclays as the biggest profit-earner among the clearing banks.

De Zoete & Bevan, for instance, is pedicting £670 million from Barclays and Mr Keith Reynolds, banking analyst, said yesterday he saw no reason to change the forecast. However some other analysts are raising their predictions for the other banks in the light of NatWest's experience.

Domestic banking profits at NatWest rose by two-thirds from £242 million to £45 million, helped by higher income from charges and record profits on home loans. There was also a drop in specific provisions on the domestic side.

Staff costs in the parent bank rose by only 7 per cent and staff numbers within the group were 2 per cent down

Lord Boardman, the chairman, said that international banking showed an underlying improvement but higher provisions led to a fall from £187 million to £171 million in profits from the international side.

Commening on the sharp rise in specific international provisions from £60 million to £137 million, he said NatWest was being "prudent and properly cautious."

Related banking services, which includes the group's leasing arm, Lombard Noth Central, pushed up profits from £89 million to £95 million.

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Japan backs world role for yen

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese ministry of finance has endorsed a report recommending the internationalization of the yen including liberalization of Euroyen lending in an almost historic change of perception.

The ministry's official stance, announced by Mr Toyoo Gyohten, director-general of the ministry's international finance bureau, should go a long way to overcoming resistance both within the ministry of finance and in other parts of the bureaucracy to an enhanced international role for the yen.

The Americans, in particular, have been urging the liberalization of the Japanese market as a means of alleviating some of Japan's growing trade imbalance with the rest of the world.

Yesterday's announcement appears to be a clear victory for the internationalists as the first official government recognition of the international importance of the yen.

There are still important technical questions, particularly on taxation, to be argued out within the bureaucracy. This could take months but things should move faster on the liberalization of the Euroyen market. "We will try to implement that as quickly as possible, within a month or two", said Mr Gyohten. The report recommends immediate liberalization of Euroyen transactions between non-residents.

The committee on foreign exchange and other transactions set up by the finance minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, which presented the report, has also decided to set up a sub-committee to study the internationalization of the Tokyo finance market, especially the creation of an offshore market.

IN BRIEF

Home loan rise closer

A decision to raise mortgage rates by around 1 percentage poing when the building societies meet on Friday is looking increasingly likely. As their deposit inflows continue to fall many societies which wanted to wait until after the Budget before changing their interest rates are considering an earlier increase. February's inflows are estimated at about £450 million.

The general manager of one of the top five societies said: "There is still a strong body of opinion in the industry that we should wait until after the budget, but the largest societies are increasingly favouring an increase sooner."

The industry's inflows have been severely hit by strong competition from the banks which have been offering more attractive rates of interest on some investment accounts. Though many societies expect interest rates to fall later this year they believe they cannot hold on that long.

Libra Bank profits up

Libra Bank, the London consortium bank specializing in lending to Latin America, reports a 37 per cent rise in pretax profits to £42.6 million for 1984. Mr Thomas Gaffney, the managing director, said the international debt problem had become less acute

Dividend rises

Provident Financial is to pay a final dividend of 7p, making 10.5p (9p) for the year to December 31 after pretax profits rose from £17.6 million to £19.4 million.

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The American Phillips Petroleum Company said in Oslo yesterday that that one of the largest North Sea oil fields, the Norwegian Ekofisk field was sinking by one centimetre a month and urgent steps were being examined to meet the problem. It had sunk up to 2.5 metres since 1980.

£1 million rise

Consolidated Gold Fields reported half-time pre-tax profits up from £43.1 million to £44.1 million, with a strong performance from US Amey Roadstone and share dealing. The interim dividend is unchanged at 8.5p.

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New bank chief

Mr Victor Blank, former senior partner of Clifford Turner, the solicitors, and the man widely credited with inspiring the consortium takeover bid for Woolworth three years ago, has been appointed joint chief executive of Charterhouse Japhet, the merchant bank.

WHOSE earnings per share?

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1981 **+21.4%**
1982 **+20.1%**
1983 **+33.0%**

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Fight begins on Reagan budget

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Senate began work yesterday on President Reagan's new budget by proposing an alternative Republican version which fell short of earlier goals and paved the way for a protracted fight on deficit reduction measures.

Mr Peter Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, presented a deficit package to his colleagues which held defence to 3 per cent growth rather than the 5.9 per cent requested by President Reagan, but included Draconian cuts in most other programmes, including elimination of the cost of living increase for those on social security.

Mr Domenici assumed the burden of writing an alternate Republican plan after attempts by Mr Robert Dole, the majority leader, foundered.

Senate Republicans have pledged to reduce the deficit by more than Mr Reagan has proposed in his budget but they have been unable to agree on cuts in defence and other programmes to ensure a "fair" budget.

World Bank income rises to $693m

The World Bank is operating more profitably than ever, the vice-president and Treasurer, Mr Eugene Rotberg, said in London yesterday.

Mr Rotberg, addressing representatives of 100 financial institutions, said that net income in the seven months to the end of January was $693 million. This compared with $600 million for the year ending June 30, 1984.

The main effect of this is to enable the World Bank to offer more attractive terms to developing countries.

Assets at the end of 1984 totalled $61.1 billion, of which $38.1 billion was in outstanding loans and $15.1 billion in cash and short-term investments. Around $40 billion should be added to the loan book position in loans agreed but not disbursed.

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SelecTV	12 +1
Pauls	364 +29
Bio-Isolates	38 +3
AAH	131 +10
Unilever	1250 +90
Hawley GP	112 +8
Evered	180 +12
East Rand	70 +4
Runciman	88 +5

FALLS:

Radio City	31 –7
Turriff	295 –49
Intervis. Video	7 –1
Whittington	30 –3
KCA Drilling	21 –2
Ind. Fin. & Inv.	213 –20
Burnett & Hallam	60 –5
Adam Leisure	12 –1
Wordplex	153 –12
Pineapple Dance	65 –5
Humberside Etn	13 –1
Aitken Hume	170 –13

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.0592 (–0.0113)
£: DM 3.6257 (+0.0152)
£: SwFr 3.0915 (–0.0035)
£: FFr 11.0666(+0.0244)
£: Yen 276.10 (–2.11)
£ Index: 70.8 (+1.4)
New York:
£: $1.0525
$: DM 3.4357
$ Index: 155.8(+1.4)
ECU 0.613660
SDR 0.892069

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 14⅛–14⅛%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 13 1/32–13 1/32
US:
Prime Rate 10.50%
Federal Funds 8⅛
3-month Treasury Bills 8.71–8.67%
Long bond 95 1/32–95 2/32

WALL STREET

	March 4	March 3
AMF Inc	17	17⅜
AMR	42⅛	43
Allied Corp	38⅜	39⅛
Allied Stores	54⅛	54⅞
Allis Chalmers	7⅛	7⅛
Alcoa	36	37⅛
Amax Inc	17⅜	17⅞
Amerada Hess	28⅝	29⅜
Am Brands	68⅛	68⅞
Am Broadcast	67½	69¼
Am Can	50⅝	51⅜
Am Cyanamid	54⅝	54
Am Elec Power	29⅝	30⅛
Am Home	57⅜	58⅛
Am Motors	3⅜	3⅜
Am Nat Res	60	59⅝
Am Standard	33⅛	33⅝
Am Telephone	21½	21⅞
Armco Steel	10⅛	10⅝
Asarco	24⅛	23⅝
Ashland Oil	29⅝	29⅞
Atlantic Richfield	47⅝	47⅜
Avon	49⅜	49⅞
Avon Products	22⅛	22⅝
Bankers Tst NY	62½	63⅛
Bankamerica	19⅛	19⅝
Bank of Boston	43⅞	43⅝
Bank of NY	39⅛	39⅝
Bestrice Foods	39½	39⅝
Bethlehem Steel	17⅞	18⅛
Boeing	65⅝	66⅜
Boise Cascade	40⅛	40⅛
Borden	67⅜	68⅞
Borg Warner	21⅛	21⅜
Bristol Myers	55⅞	56⅜
BP	33⅜	33⅝
Burlington Ind	27⅛	27½
Burlington Nthn	54⅛	55⅛
Burroughs	63⅜	64½
Campbell Soup	67⅜	68⅝
Canadian Pacific	44⅛	44⅜
Caterpillar	32⅛	32⅝
Celanese	33½	33⅞
Central Soya	19⅛	19⅛
Champion	22⅝	23⅛
Chase Manhat	52⅜	53⅜
Chem Bank NY	39⅝	40
Chevron	34⅝	35⅜
Chrysler	32⅜	33⅛
Citicorp	43	43⅝
Clark Equip	30½	30⅝
Coca Cola	66	65⅝
Colgate	23⅛	23⅝
CBS	85⅝	86⅛
Columbia Gas	30⅛	30⅞
Combustion Eng	36⅜	36⅝
Comwth Edison	27⅝	28⅛
Cons Edison	30⅝	30⅝
Cons Foods	35	35¼
Cons Power	6⅛	6⅜
Control Data	36⅛	36⅝
Corning Glass	38½	38¼
CPC Intl	42⅛	42⅜
Crane	34⅝	34⅝
Crocker Int	25½	25⅝
Crown Zeller	33½	33¾
Dart & Kraft	92⅛	92⅝
Deere	31⅝	31⅝
Delta Air	46⅛	47⅜
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15⅞
Digital Equip	102⅝	112⅝
Disney	77⅛	76⅞
Dow Chemical	30	29⅝
Dresser Ind	21	21¼
Duke Power	30⅛	30⅝
Du Pont	53	53⅜
Eastern Air	6½	6⅞
Eastman Kodak	69½	69⅞
Eaton Corp	58⅝	58⅛
Emerson Elect	76	76⅝
Evans Prod	3	4⅛

	March 4	March 3
Exxon Corp	48⅛	48¼
Fed Dept Stores	55⅞	56
Firestone	18⅝	18⅝
1st Chicago	23½	23
1st Interst Bncp	46⅛	47½
1st Penn Corp	7⅞	7⅝
Ford	45⅞	45⅜
GAF Corp	29	29⅛
GTE Corp	43⅜	43⅜
Gen Corp	39⅞	40
Gen Dynamics	82⅝	82¼
Gen Electric	65⅝	64½
Gen Foods	50⅛	50⅛
Gen Mills	55⅞	55⅞
Gen Motors	78⅛	79⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	12⅝	12⅝
Genesco	2⅜	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	25⅞	25⅞
Gillette	57⅛	58½
Goodrich	29⅜	29⅜
Goodyear	28	28⅜
Gould Inc	24⅛	24⅞
Grace	41⅛	41⅛
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16⅛	16⅞
Greyhound	25⅞	26⅛
Grumman Corp	29¼	29⅛
Gulf & West	33¼	33⅝
Heinz H. J.	47⅛	47⅞
Hercules	35	36⅜
Honeywell	65	64⅜
IC Inds	32⅛	33
Ingersoll	48⅞	49
Inland Steel	25⅛	25½
IBM	135	135⅞
Int Harvester	10⅞	11⅛
INCO	13⅝	13⅝
Int Paper	50⅝	51⅜
Int Tel Tel	32⅛	30⅝
Irving Bank	32⅝	32⅛
Jim Walter	35	35
Johnson & John	39⅝	40
Kaiser Alumin	14⅞	15⅛
Kerr McGee	31½	31⅝
Kimberly Clark	49⅝	49⅝
K Mart	35⅞	35⅝
Kroger	40⅛	40⅛
L.T.V. Corp	11⅜	11⅝
Litton	70⅞	70⅞
Lockheed	50⅝	51⅞
Lucky Stores	43⅜	43⅝
Manuf Hanover	38⅞	39⅝
Manville Cp	7⅛	7⅜
Mapco	31⅛	31½
Marine Midland	33¼	33⅝
Martin Marietta	62⅝	62½
McDonnell	85⅞	85⅝
Mead	38⅝	39
Merck	99⅛	100
Minnesota Mng	83½	84
Mobil Oil	29⅞	30
Monsanto	44⅝	44⅞
Morgan J. P.	48	48⅛
Motorola	34	34⅛
NCR Corp	30⅛	30⅝
NL Industries	11⅝	11⅞
Nabisco	54⅛	55⅞
Nat Distillers	25⅞	26⅛
Nat Med Ent	27⅜	27⅞
Norfolk South	65⅝	65⅞
NW Bancorp	25⅞	25⅞
Occidental Pet	29⅞	30⅛
Ogden	31⅝	31⅞
Olin Corp	35⅜	35⅝
Owens-Illinois	41⅝	42⅜
Pacific Gas Elec	17¼	17⅛
Pan Am	4⅛	4⅛
Penney J. C.	48	48⅝
Pennzoil	45⅝	45⅞
Pepsico	48	48⅜
Pfizer	41½	41⅞
Phelps Dodge	19⅞	19⅝

● Ex dividend ▷ Ex rights ▷ Ex distribution ▷ Ex bonus ▷ Ex Market closed ▷ New issue ▷ Stock split. T Traded. y Unquoted

Dow loses early gain

New York (AP/Dow Jones). – Shares were edging lower in early trading yesterday pulling back from an initial advance.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.32 at 1293.29. It had gained about 4 points earlier.

Delines were about 6-to-5 ahead of advances in active trading.

Mr Charles Couser, market analyst for Oppenheimer & Co., said the early strength mostly came in reaction to the decline of the previous day.

He noted that shares followed the lead of bonds but saw no clear reason for the bond market to be up.

International Business Machines was unchanged at 135, General Motors was unchanged at 79¼, General Electric was up ⅛ at 63¾, Texas Instruments was down ⅜ at 110¼, Eastman Kodak was up ⅛ at 69⅜. Teledyne fell 3⅜ to 267⅜. Merck was unchanged at 99½, Exxon was unchanged at 48⅞ and Hewlett-Packard rose ⅛ to 37⅜.

Tyco Laboratories was down ⅝ at 38⅛. The stock was downgraded by a brokerage house.

Raychen fell 7¾ to 53¾ after the company said it would cut its staff by 300 and lower management salaries. It had given a warning that profitability in the second half ending June 30 could be affected by the severance costs.

Ponderosa was 13½, down 1⅛; Unocal was 47, up 1½.

CANADIAN PRICES

Alcan Alumin	39⅞	39
Algoma Steel	20½	20⅜
Bell Telephone	35⅛	35⅝
Can Pacific	62⅝	61½
Cominco	13⅜	14⅛
Cons Bathurst	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	17¾	17⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	22	21⅞
Hudson Bay Min	17⅝	17½
Imasco	53⅝	53⅜
Imperial Oil	45⅜	46
Inl Pipe	33⅜	33½
Massey-Fergsn	4.00	4.05
Royal Trustco	19	18⅝
Seagram	59½	59⅝
Steel Co	23	23⅛
Thomson N 'A'	56½	56⅝
Walker Hiram	27⅝	27⅝
WCT	15½	15⅝

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	86.05	86.2	86.00	86.09	262
Jun 85	.55	87.60	87.45	87.50	1176
Sep 85	88.40	88.52	88.40	88.48	84
Dec 85	88	88.52	88.27	88.36	27
Mar 85	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	14
Previous day total open interest 6863					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.15	90.25	90.15	90.23	422
Jun 85	89.21	89.29	89.16	89.26	5780
Sep 85	99.66	88.77	88.65	88.76	833
Dec 85	88.25	88.39	88.25	88.37	185
Mar 85	–	–	–	88.08	0
Previous day's total open interest 15745					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	68-30	69-05	68-30	69-02	288
Jun 85	67-24	68-07	67-21	68-02	1401
Sep 85	nt	–	–	–	–
Dec 86	nt	–	–	–	–
Previous day's total open interest 1918					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	103-30	104-03	103-22	103-22	137
Jun 85	104-19	104-26	104-12	104-13	1226
Sep 85	–	–	–	106-00	–
Dec 85	–	–	–	107-07	0
Mar 85	nt	m	m	108-28	0
Previous day's total open interest 4549					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	125.25	127.45	125.25	126.90	281
Jun 85	127.15	127.70	127.05	127.50	21
Mar 85	–	–	–	127.80	0
Previous day's total open interest 1719					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric tonne; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR
May 118.6–18.4
Aug 126.6–26.4
Oct 134.8–34.6
Dec 141.8–40.0
Mar 156.0–55.8
May 160.8–60.4
Aug 171.0–69.0
Vol 1,570

COCOA
Mar 2406–05
May 2455–54
Jul 2500–2499
Sep 2535–37
Nov 2535–32
Jan 2501–00
Mar 2485–2475
Vol 245/3056

COFFEE
Mar 2406–05
May 2455–54
Jul 2500–2499
Sep 2538–37
Nov 2535–32
Jan 2501–00
Mar 2485–2475
Vol 245/3056

GAS OIL
Mar 233.50–33.25
Apr 223.75–23.50
May 220.25–19.75
Jun 217.00–16.50
Jul 217.50–16.50
Aug 223.00–18.00
Sep 226.00–16.00
Oct 226.00–18.00
Nov 232.00–18.00
Vol Nil/3132

RUBBER
Apr 726–685
May 735–695
Jun 745–705
Jul 755–715
Aug 765–725
Sep 775–735
Oct 788–746
Nov 796–755
Dec 805–765
Apr/Jun 740–695
Jul/Sep 770–725
Oct/Dec 800–755
Vol Nil at five and 15 tonnes

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices; Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co, Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1282.50–1283.50
Three months 1298.50–1300.0
T/O 3500
Tone Barely steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1273.0–1275.0
Three months 1294.0–1295.0
T/O Nil
Tone Idle

TIN STANDARD
Cash 10195–10200
Three months 10215–10200
T/O 370
Tone Firm

TIN HIGH–GRADE
Cash 10210–10220
Three months 10230–10235
T/O Nil
Tone Idle

LEAD
Cash 328.0–326.25
Three months 336.0–335.50
T/O 8,700
Tone Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 840.0–842.0
Three months 814.50–815.0
T/O 2,450
Tone Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 840.0–842.0
Three months 840.0–842.0
T/O Nil
Tone Idle

SILVER LARGE
Cash 533.5–534.5
Three months 552.5–552.8
T/O 21
Tone Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 533.5–534.5
Three months 552.5–552.8

ALUMINIUM
Cash 1026.0–1026.50
Three months 1062.50–1063.0
T/O 4,200
Tone Firmer

NICKEL
Cash 4845–4850
Three months 4885–4890
T/O 572
Tone Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.
Vol Nil
Tone Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 5.

GB: Cattle, 95.2p per kg lw (+0.59).
GB: Sheep, 180.2p per kg est d c w (+5.18).
GB: Pigs, 79.76p per kg lw (+1.59).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 1.8 per cent, ave. price, 94.41p (+0.47).
Sheep nos. down 12.2 per cent, ave. price, 180.97p (+5.00).
Pig nos. down 5.3 per cent, ave. price, 79.05p (+1.51).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 1.4 per cent, ave. price, 97.46p (–0.19).
Sheep nos. up 15.5 per cent. ave. price, 177.11p (+10.14).
Pig nos. up 3.6 per cent, ave. price, 85.42p (–0.86).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£119.50	£112.90
May	£117.40	£116.35
Jul	£120.90	–
Sep	£97.00	£96.80
Nov	£100.20	£100.40
Jan	£104.00	£104.15

Total lots traded: Wheat 430, Barley 88.

APPOINTMENTS

The Baltic International Freight Futures Exchange (BIFFEX) Mr Stephen Carter has become chief executive.

Stewart Enterprise Investment Co: Mr A. G. MacPherson has been made a director.

Burgess Products (Holdings): Mr Ian R. McWilliam has been made a director and chief executive.

Simpson (Piccadilly): Mr Jeremy Franks has become managing director-designate and will become managing director on May 1, in succession to Mr Martin Moss.

Gambica: Mr Geoff Young becomes chief executive-designate on April 1 and chief executive from July 1.

Crown House: Mr M. J. W. Sergent has been appointed group chief executive in succession to Mr P. Edge-Partington, and Mr S. G. Bodger has been made financial director-designate.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation: Mr F. R. Frame will join the board of directors on April 1.

Royal London Mutual Insurance Society: Mr B. R. Jones has joined the board.

Thorn EMI: Mr John Glakeney is made a director of financial planning.

IMI Santon: Mr A. C. Hurley has become managing director.

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society: Mr Frank R. Reber has been makde a non-executive director.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	119	Aberdeen	178	+1	7.5	4.2	...
176	118	Alba	160	...	2.65b	2.6	...
695	430	Alliance	695	...	20.7	2.9	...
195	89½	Amer Trust	192	...	5.5	2.4	...
288	218	Anq Amer Sec	288	...	8.5	2.8	...
427	310	Ashdown	427	●●	11.7	2.7	...
118	78	Atlantic Assets	115	-1	3.2	2.7	...
101	67	Bankers	101	...	3.5	3.5	...
194	130	Barry	191	...	1.4	0.7	...
172	117	Border & Sthrn	170	+1	4.7	2.8	...
197	79	Br Amer Sec	197	●	3.1	1.6	...
215	140p	Br Assets	212	-1	9.7b	4.6	...
39½	29½	Br Empire Sec	29	...	1.5	4.4	...
371	287	British Inv	371	...	18.5b	4.9	...
76	55	Brunner	73	●●	2.9	3.8	...
88	69	Charter Agency	85	●●	3.1b	3.6	...
640	476	Cledhenbi	637	●	25.7p	4.0	...
178	126	Crescent Japan	171	-4	1.1	0.7	...
490	275	Delta	485	...	16.2	10.2	...
109	89	Derby Inc	109	...	...	...	...
104	89	Do Cap	100	...	...	...	...
295	241	Drayton Cons	295	...	12.7	4.4	...
148	88	Drayton Far East	144	●●	1.6	1.1	...
429	282	Drayton Japan	429	●●	3.6	0.9	...
464	298	Drayton Premier	464	●●	18.3	4.5	...
179	149	Dundee Lon	179	...	3.7	2.9	...
229	149	Edin Amer Assets	229	...	1.9	0.8	...
115	87	Edinburgh	115	...	3.7	3.2	...
296	216	Electric Gen	296	...	4.8b	1.7	...
180	119	English Int	180	...	3.6	2.4	...
78	62	English Scot	78	●●	1.8	2.4	...
195	69	English NY	195	●●	3.5	2.4	...
94	69	F&C Alliance	94	...	2.4	2.5	...
117	87	F&C Pacific	102	...	1.8b	1.7	...
194	152	Fleming	194	...	4.6	2.4	...
274	194	First Scot Amer	273	-1	12.9b	4.7	...
148	108	First Un Gen	170	●●	5.7	3.1	...
542	390	Fleming Americ	542	●●	12.4	2.3	...
280	185	Fleming Claver	252	●●	12.4	4.9	...
188	138	Fleming Enterprise	251	●●	11.1	4.4	...
288	208	Fleming Far East	288	●●	2.9	1.0	...
188	138	Fleming Fledgling	187	●●	3.5	2.5	...
558	380	Fleming Japan	558	●●	4.5	0.8	...
117	93	Fleming Mercantile	117	●●	4.8	3.4	...
134	97	Fleming Overseas	128	●●	2.9b	2.2	...
193	119½	Fleming Tst	193	●●	3.5	2.5	...
334	215	Fleming Universal	334	●●	8.6	2.5	...
147	98	For Co	146	●●	3.6	2.5	...
121	98	GSC Dollar	117	...	...	...	...
185	126	GT Japan	183	●●	2.9b	1.1	...
605	455	General Funds	605	●●	13.6	2.2	...
287	184	General Cons	285	●●	13.7	3.2	...

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
121	77	Glasgow Stock	121	●	2.9	2.4	...
276	192	Globe	276	●●	12.8	4.7	...
276	187	Glenmiller	244	●●	2.3	1.1	...
276	187½	Grantham House	260	●	5.7	2.2	...
208	200	Ivestn-in Success	208	...	5.4	3.5	...
182	114	Hambros	161	...	5.4	3.4	...
254	187	Hill (P)	248	...	13.2	5.3	...
208	200	Investn-in Success	208	...	5.4	3.5	...
235	182	Inv Cap	224	●	5.2	2.2	...
9½	6	Japan Assets	9	●●	0.1	0.1	...
235	215	Lake View	230	●●	8.4	2.9	...
181	138	Lon & Holyrood	180	...	7.1b	3.8	...
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	83	...	2.5	4.2	...
167	71	Lon Trust	106	...	3.9	3.7	...
97	78	Manchester	97	...	4.8b	4.1	...
172	121	Monks	172	●●	8.4b	2.9	...
118	85	Murray Income	117	...	5.4p	3.5	...
98	67	Murray Growth	98	...	2.9	2.1	...
134	86	Murray Intl	132	...	6.4b	4.9	...
186	122	Murray Scott	186	...	8.3	4.5	...
257	223	Murray Venture	257	...	8.3	3.2	...
393	308	New Court	391	...	20.4	5.3	...
76	58	New Darien Ot	76	...	0.4p	0.5	...
177	138	NMR	176	...	7.9	4.5	...
43	34	Nwthrng Inc 85	39½	...	3.3b	8.5	...
243	186	New Tokyo	228	F	2.1	1.0	...
324	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	324	...	6.8	1.4	...
138	108	Nth Star Assets	118	...	4.7	3.6	...
281	209	Nthn Amer	280	...	7.7	2.8	...
137	97	Outwich	137	...	4.1	3.5	...
41	24	Personal Assets	41	...	0.6	1.4	...
309	243	Raeburn	309	●●	13.6	4.4	...
133	91	Rights & Merc	133	●●	7.1	5.4	...
238	158	River Plate	238	●●	10.3	4.5	...
191	138	Robeco	191	●●	...	...	...
178	137	Rolinco	178	...	...	...	...
265	185	Romney	265	●	6.8	2.5	...
215½	9	Rorento	215½	...	...	...	...
328	257	St Andrews	328	●	11.9	3.4	...
373	291	Scottish	371	-1	7.4	2.7	...
214	174	Scot Americans	214	●●	5.4	2.7	...
186	117	Scot Eastern	185	●●	6.4	3.2	...
403	276	Scot Mtge	402	●●	9.7b	2.4	...
243	188	Scot Nat	241	-2	6.1	2.5	...
129	104	Scot Nthrn	125	...	4.7	3.7	...
388	285	Scot Merc 'A'	388	●●	13.1	3.5	...
392	284	Second Alliance	392	●●	20.4b	5.2	...
121	91	Sec Of Scotland	116	...	5.5b	4.5	...
74	51	Shelfer Ors	71	...	2.2	3.0	...
98	75	Stewart Ensrp	98	...	6.5	6.6	...
143	94	Stockholders	143	-1	3.4	2.3	...
93	75	'A' Australia	93	...	2.9	3.1	...

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
85	58	Tr City Of Lon Ord	82	...	4.4p	5.4	...
154	121	Tr Ind & Gen	154	...	4.8b	3.1	...
232	201	Tr Natural Res	232	...	12.7	4.3	...
220	190	Tr North America	217	...	4.9b	3.2	...
203	162	Tr Pacific Basin	197	...	2.9b	1.6	...
140	107	Tr Property	139	...	3.2	2.4	...
137	98	Tr Tech	136	...	2.4	2.4	...
137	98	Tr Trustees	136	...	4.9	3.7	...
132	98	Temple Bar	117	●	5.5	3.7	...
233	168	Throgmorton	227	...	12.7	4.7	...
237	211	Throg Second Cap	222	...	...	...	...
133	123	Trans Oceanic	133	...	4.6	2.6	...
120	86	Tribune	118	●	3.3	2.7	...
81	67½	Trustnet Inc	77½	...	2.6	3.3	...
211	150	US Debenture	211	...	9.5	4.4	...
95	73	Viking Resource	93	...	1.8	2.0	...
76	58	Westpool	65	●	2.0	3.0	...
139	99	Witan	139	...	3.5	2.4	...
284	207	Yeoman	280	●	12.3	4.4	...

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

500	345	Abrdyd & Smithers	360	...	23.6	6.5	14.0
49½	19½	American Express	49½	...	...	...	17.8
29	18	Argyle	24	+1	...	...	...
188	118	Associated	188	...	11.8	6.3	24.9
115	85	Brussels Arrow	115	...	3.5	3.2	21.2
115	77	CLR Pacific	117	...	...	...	...
44	28	Do Warrants	44	+1	...	...	...
13½	9	Daily Mail	£13½	...	55.0	4.3	13.7
13½	9	Do 'A'	£13½	...	55.0	4.3	13.7
121	88	Electra	121	...	5.1	4.2	22.5
148	98	Eng Assoc	98	●	4.3b	4.3	19.4
68	46	Exco	68	...	11.8	1.8	24.8
58	38	Exploration	58	...	4.5	8.6	18.9
11½	7	First Charlotte	11½	...	0.1	0.6	...
58	38	Frankfurter	58	...	12.9	7.7	16.3
67	55	Fmnd (Lnd & In)	67	...	4.0	6.1	9.5
67	46	Goode (D & M)	67	●	1.6	2.7	11.7
675	357	Henderson Admin	675	...	15.7	2.3	14.3
5½	2½	M & G	5½	...	17.9	4.9	17.9
436	255	Marine (RP)	436	...	17.9	4.1	10.5
334	247	Mercantile House	334	●	17.5	5.4	9.2
415	258	Mills & Allen	415	...	20.0	5.4	11.4
98	70	Smith Brothers	98	...	7.9	8.3	4.1

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Rates beyond three months generally firmed 1/16 or ⅛ yesterday. They had been higher, but had come off the top near the finish on noting that the pound was faring better against the Continentals than against the dollar.

It was not a busy day, dealers said. There had been a bit of a rush in the first hour or so, with the Continent bidding strongly for sterling deposits, but this soon subsided and rates slipped.

Day-to-day money was tight until the closing minutes. The rate held at 14½–⅝ per cent for most of the session. Towards the finish, it got up to 15 per cent, but came off to 14 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance Houses 12½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 14⅝, Low 14
Week fixed: 14

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 13⅝	2 months 13⅜
3 months 13½	3 months 13⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13⅝–13⅝ 2 months 13⅝–13⅝
3 months 13⅝–13⅝ 6 months 12⅝–12⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14⅝ 2 months 14⅝
3 months 14⅝ 6 months 13⅞

Interbank (%)

	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Overnight: open 14½–14½, close 15-14		
1 week 14⅝–14½	6 months 13⅝–13⅞	
1 month 14⅝–14⅝	9 months 13⅝–12⅝	
3 months 14½–14¼	12 months 13–12⅝	

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14½ 7 days 14½
1 month 14 3 months 13⅝
6 months 13⅝ 12 months 12¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 14⅛–14⅜ 2 months 14½–14½
3 months 14⅝–14⅝ 6 months 13⅝–13⅝
9 months 13½–13⅜ 12 months 13⅛–12⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 14⅛–14⅜ 3 months 13⅝–13⅝
6 months 13⅛–13½ 12 months 12⅝–12⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 9.05–8.95 3 months 9.60–9.50
6 months 10.15–10.05 12 months 10.60–10.50

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar call 8⅛–7⅞
7 days 8⅝–8⅜ 1 month 8⅝–8⅜
3 months 8⅝–8⅜ 6 months 10⅜–10¼
Deutschmark call 5–3
7 days 6⅛–5⅞ 1 month 6⅛–5⅞
3 months 6⅛–6⅛ 6 months 6⅛–6⅛
French Franc call 11–10
7 days 10½–10⅜ 1 month 10⅝–10½
3 months 11¼–11⅛ 6 months 11⅜–11⅛
Swiss Franc call 2¼–1½
7 days 5–3 1 month 5⅛–5
3 months 6–5⅞ 6 months 6–5⅞
Yen call 6⅛–5⅞
7 days 6⅛–6 1 month 6⅛–6
3 months 6⅛–6⅛ 6 months 6⅛–6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand (per coin): $295–297.50 (£219–220.50)
Sovereigns (new): $88.50–89.50 (£64.50–65.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 2 January, 1985, to 5 February, 1985, inclusive: 11.840 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound had another bad day on the currency markets in dollar terms.

The rot set in after corporate demand overnight from the Far East pushed the dollar up against most other currencies.

In hectic early trading, the pound dropped to 1.0563 at one point, although it held its ground well against European currencies.

By the close, the point was back to 1.0592 against the dollar – compared with 1.0705 at Monday's close.

But the pound held up well against European currencies, managing a gain in mark term to DM 3.6258.

Nevertheless dealers are beginning to say that the pound may now be overvalued against the Europeans.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 5	Market rates close March 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.0585-1.0630	$1.0589-1.0595	0.50-0.46c prem	1.10-1.05c prem
Montreal	$1.4760-1.4800	$1.4766-1.4812	0.45-0.37c prem	0.89-0.78c prem
Amsterdam	4.0953-4.1100fl	4.0975-4.1068fl	2¾–2½c prem	6¾–6½c prem
Brussels	72.58-73.05fl	72.83-73.01fl	26-22c prem	64-55c prem
Copenhagen	12.9340-12.9860k	12.9507-12.9682k	3¾–2¾ore prem	9¼–8ore prem
Dublin	1.1828-1.1999p	1.1845-1.1855p	6 prem-13p disc	4 prem-42p disc
Frankfurt	3.6035-3.6300fl	3.6232-3.6293fl	2¾–2

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Budget Briefing

BES a costly tax avoidance shelter

By Mervyn King

Critics have accused the Business Expansion Scheme, set up in 1983 to succeed the 1981 Business Start-up Scheme, of being no more than a tax shelter. Similar shelters in the US have attracted widespread criticism and provoked demands for tax reform. The author urges abolition of the BES in the Budget, arguing that the Chancellor needs to do this to achieve the fiscal neutrality he desires.

The BES has done as much to expand the tax avoidance industry as it has to create the new "high-tech" industries of the future. The success of the BES (it attracted investment of around £80 million in 1983-84) is proof, if such were needed, that the City can supply funds if the prospect of profit is there. But it also lends support to the argument that the tax system should not interfere with the ability of market forces to allocate resources to those activities with the greatest returns.

The theme of Mr Lawson's 1984 Budget was fiscal neutrality. In pursuit of this goal he announced the phasing out of accelerated depreciation, the abolition of stock relief, a reduction in the corporate tax rate and the end of life assurance premium relief. These measures did a great deal to reduce the enormous variability of effective marginal tax rates on corporate investment. They represent the beginnings of an attempt to impose a coherent struture on the taxation of savings and investment.

This approach is in sharp contrast with that of Mr Lawson's predecessor who did not offer an overall perspective to his tax reforms and, in successive budgets, introduced a series of ad hoc measures designed to encourage small businesses.

From the outset these measures, of which BES was the most important, were used equally as tax avoidance devices for higher rate taxpayers and as

Tax system should not interfere with market forces

a means of promoting new firms that might become the industrial giants of the future. This situation is the predictable result of the "Old Macdonald" approach to taxation – here a scheme, there a scheme, everywhere a scheme – that has plagued policy-makers in Britain for years.

Indeed the farmyard analogy is not inappropriate as many of the first BES funds were invested in farming. It is unlikely that this represents the kind of entrepreneurial initiative that the Chancellor had in mind when the scheme was set up, and in 1984 such investments were deemed ineligible.

This year the most popular ventures for BES funds are in property development and, not surprisingly, there is speculation that after March 19 its category too will no longer be a "qualifying trade".

The popularity of the BES is due to the tax relief which it offers, particularly if this can be combined with an investment in relatively safe assets. The scheme provides tax relief at an investor's marginal tax rate for investment of up to £40,000 a year in shares of unquoted UK companies. The shares must be held for at least five years, and the risks may be spread by investing collectively through one of the many intermediaries ("approved investment funds") that have sprung up.

The effective tax rate on a project financed under BES by

A project could lose money but yield an adequate return

an investor with an income tax rate of 60 per cent is shown in the table. The calculations are for the corporate tax regime that will apply from next year and all taxes, both personal and corporate (including rates) are included. The tax rate depends upon the "exit route" by which profits are returned to the shareholders.

Two sets of results are presented for the cases in which (i) at some point the profits are paid out as dividends, and (ii) the company purchases its own shares from the BES shareholders. The latter is the more attractive route, but in both cases BES reduces significantly the effective tax rate.

It turns taxes into large subsidies, and indeed, the project could make a pre-tax loss yet yield the investor an adequate rate of return. Tax considerations are more important than the commercial viability of the project.

Even without BES there is a formidable range of concessions to small businesses in the form of lower tax rates on captial gains and capital transfers. Any further measures should be directed to improving general incentives to saving.

An expenditure tax and a corporate cash flow tax would produce fiscal neutrality and also encourage the creation and expansion of small businesses making special concessions unnecessary. In this way, the incentives offered by the BES could be retained (and extended to all forms of savings) while, eliminating its role as a tax avoidance device.

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EFFECTIVE TAX RATES ON BES PROJECTS FOR AN INVESTOR WITH A 60 PER CENT INCOME TAX RATE

Exit Route	Project in Manufacturing plant and machinery		Commercial building	
	Without BES %	With BES %	Without BES %	With BES %
Dividends				
Pretax rate of return	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Posttax rate of return	3.2	14.5	0.1	8.3
Tax rate	68.1	−45.3	92.8	17.2
Purchase of shares				
Pretax rate of return	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Posttax rate of return	7.8	27.5	3.6	16.6
Tax rate	21.9	−174.8	63.7	−66.3

Note: The calculations assume the tax and allowance rates that will apply from 1986 and an annual inflation rate of 5%. The pre and posttax rates of return are real rates per annum.

TEMPUS

NatWest profit rise sets telling test for rivals

National Westminster can be forgiven for feeling pretty pleased with its performance last year. The 30 per cent rise in pretax profits to £671 million sets a tough target for the other banks to match and NatWest is bubbling with confidence about progress so far this year.

The two surprising aspects about NatWest's results are the high level of bad debt provisions and the strong performance from domestic banking.

All the banks should have fared well in the domestic arena last year and some profit forecasts for the other banks are already being revised up in the light of NatWest's results. However it is possible that NatWest's domestic showing will still prove exceptional.

It has benefited from much improved profitability on home loans where it has been particularly aggressive. The home loans subsidiary achieved a record profit of £60 million compared with £22 million the previous year.

Income from bank charges was also up by about 30 per cent and again NatWest has been particularly aggressive among the clearers in trying to recover transmission costs through charges.

A firm grip on costs and some reduction in domestic provisions also contributed to the progress on the domestic side, helping to offset the pressure on margins caused by the incxorable trend to more costly deposits.

Although profits from the international side were down, NatWest seems to have taken an exceptionally cautious approach to provisioning here. The rise from £60 million to £137 million in international specific provisions accounts for a good slice of the unexpectedly large increase in group bad debt provisions from £264 million to 351 million.

The much increased tax charge, up from £117 million, and partly reflecting the treatment of leasing business since the Budget, meant that earnings per share were down from 128p to 88p. Furthermore the £650 million chunk removed from the capital base because of last year's Budget tax measures combined with balance sheet growth has led to some weakening in capital ratios. The gearing ratio is down from 5 to 4.5 per cent.

However, this still leaves NatWest in an adequate position and likely earnings of 120 to 130p a share this year leave the shares trading on a fairly undemanding multiple.

Consolidated Gold Fields

Consolidated Gold Fields is still failing to deliver the right mix of gold and construction materials profits which would give a gleam to its share price. But its recovery from the US disaster that was the oil rig maker Skytop Brewster is not necessarily built on sand.

Half-time figures released yesterday for the six months to the end of last December are disappointing. In a range of expectations between £48 million and £52 million, Cons Gold came out with pre-tax profits of £44.1 million, fractionally higher than a year earlier.

The company says that the relative weaknesses of the South African rand, sterling, and the gold price combined with the strength of the dollar have virtually cancelled one another out. However, translating increased volume from its American Amey Roadstone via the strong dollar boosted its sterling profits by 43 per cent.

Elsewhere, ConsGold's share of Newmount Mining in Canada more than doubled to £3.8 million and the group made more money share dealing in the opening half (profit of £4.3 million) than it did in the whole of the previous year.

More worrying is the 15 per cent rise in interest charges and the £53 million cash outflow on existing operations. Working capital increased by £21.4 million against an £8 million drop last year.

ConsGold says this is a bulge mainly in the US Amey business and would be sorted out by the end of the financial year in June.

The outlook for Amey in the US is satisfactory.

Profits contribution from the mining side will continue to decline, offset by better figures from the construction materials and a strong performance from share trading.

Few are expecting much excitment from the annual figures. It is unlikely that the dividend will be raised for the fourth consecutive year.

Next year is considered the take-off point. Meanwhile, the shares eased 7p to 487p where they yield 7 per cent, at the top of mining companies, but the group is on a prospective price earnings ratio which would hardly disgrace a USM stock.

Provident Financial

Provident Financial came through a tricky year during 1984 with enhanced reputation, and probably improved quality of earnings. After announcing full year figures of £19.4 million yesterday, about £0.5 million better then market hopes, the shares rose 5p to 217p. But success breeds its own problems – where does Provident go from now?

Provident provides grass roots credit finance to C and D income groups. Clearly a section of the group's customer base was badly affected by the miners' strike, and the group admits to providing about £2 million against the strike's impact. But the provision formula is fairly mechanical and has proved adequate in the past. Mining families are not only good risks; they are now back at work. So the chances of a write-back of this year's provision in the 1985 figures are good.

Concentrating on the Scargill behind Provident's profit and loss account obscures progress elsewhere in the group last year. The customer base expanded, and Provident funded about 35 per cent of borrowing at just over 11 per cent

Yet Provident now sounds frustrated. Perhaps its small size is out of all proportion to its trading expertise? Perhaps too the group is planning an important deal, like a sizeable merger with an estate agent or housebuilder.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Pound's slide has investors on edge

By Pam Spooner

Investors were still distracted by events on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, watching Sterling gyrate in trade against the dollar, and appeared to have little energy for buting equities and gilts.

While the pound slid down and up, and then down, down again, share prices edged quietly forward, with leading equities showing little movement except where trading news spurred action.

The FT 30 index ended the day just 2.1 points higher at 982.0. **British Telecom** showed some spark, rising 3p to 123½p alongside news of progress on the installation of optic fibre lines. **BOC Group** and **ICI** also picked up pennies and **National Westminster** put in a spirited performance as its results came through.

But **Grand Metropolitan** came in for some selling, the price down 9p at 276p, as shareholders heard the unhappy news which was given to analysis last month following trading figures.

Better-than-expected results from **Unilever**, the foods conglomerate helped market sentiment.

The FT-SE 100 share index closed at 127.9, up 9.2 points on the day, having shown steady progress from slight falls in the first hour and a half of trading.

On the gilts pitches, Government stock prices slipped by up to 50p, with long-dated issues bearing the brunt.

Turriff Construtions shares took a heavy knock yesterday a the company told shareholders of a 50 per cent reduction in profits. The group made £2,042,000 in 1983 but says it ha made only about £1 million last year.

The trouble stems from delays on long-term projects, and the consequent slow pruduction of profits on such contracts. Turriff has already warned that the construction businesses were causing problems at the half year results.

Turriff shares tumbled 43p to 300p yesterday, down from their recent near-peak level.

The company was forced to disclose the probable level of anua profits before the usual date by the Stock Exchage. The SE requires such information in the Class 1 circular which describes Turrif's purchase of a 49 per cent holding in Engineering Support Services.

At **Pauls**, the foods and agricultual group, an increase offer from **Harrisons & Crosfield** sent the share price 29p higher to 364p. H & C has raised the bid to 360p cash or 0.82 new H & C shares for each Pauls ordinary H & C shares dipped 3p to 443p yesterday following the news.

Mr Tom Prentice, chairman of H & C, said this is the final bid. The offer closes on March, 19. So far, H & C says it owns and ha acceptances for just 2.26 per cent of Pauls, athough holders of 26.51 per cent of the preference shares, for which the offer is unchanged, are also willing to sell.

But **Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee** was reckoned to have been busy in the market yesterday, and late in the day traders heard H & C had brought 18.5 per cent of Pauls at around 360p.

Pauls responded to the higher offer with a holding statement last night, telling shareholders to do nothing and wait for a full response to reach them.

J J & D Frost, the financial services to petrol pumps group, jumped 8p to 66p alongside news that it is acquiring five more petrol stations for £1 million. The new sites are freehold, as are 23 others in the group.

At the same time as expanding its freehold businesses, Frost is putting the pressure on Elf, from which it leases another 51 stations. The company says it is pressing for lower rents and supply terms for Elf, and will report progress when the report and accounts go to shareholders in May.

Shares in **Banro**, the sunroof and motor component manufacturer, showed a clean pair heels to the bid from **CH Industrials** rising 12p to 100p against the 75p a share cash terms.

The move followed a 56 per cent profit forecast from Banro to £800,000 for 1984 and a dividend rise of 30 per cent. Banro's chief, Mr Edward Rose, is urging shareholders to throw out the offer from CH which he claims undervalues the business.

Hawley Group came in for a bout of buying, the shares gaining 9p to 113p, a new peak for the price. Brokers have grown enthusiastic after Monday's profits news which showed a more than 120 per cent increase in profits

Medminster, the furniture hire and transit group, also responded to recent earnings news, gaining 12p to 170p. The company increased half year profits by 35 per cent.

Royal Insurance recouped 3p to 576p yesterday, as the market swallowed Monday's disappointing figures, while **Commercial Union** traded unchanged at 177p ahead of tomorrow's full year figures. Market men expect CU to show losses of about £75 million for 1984, the company having reported steadily worsening figures each quarter. In 1983 CU made a sharply reduced profit of just £9.3 million.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group rose 10p to 252p as the group announced that it had received acceptances in respect of 92.1 per cent of its shares for its £115 million rights issue.

The offer for sale of **Pepe Group**, the upmarket jeans and casual wear business, was 20 times oversubscribed. As a result applications for 200 to 1,500 shares go into a ballot for 200 shares, as will applications for 2,000 to 4,500. Applicants for 5,000 shares or more will get 5 per cent of what they asked for up to a maximum of 25,000 shares.

Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, has goods words for Associated British Ports. With the miners' strike out of the way, the industrial scene for the group is clear and profit prospects are encouraging, says the City firm. More importantly, the broker points out the strong asset backing. A B Ports has assets of 380p a share, worth 800p on the present cost basis. Yesterday the shares dipped 2p to 256p.

Mr Lew Cartier, the former Cartier Superfoods chief, bought another 90,000 shares in Caffyns, the motor dealer, to take his stake to 10 per cent, but with only 6 per cent of the votes. But he made it clear it was purely an investment and had no thoughts of bidding. He said he had not spoken to the Caffyns board. The shares were unchanged at 130p. But after forays for Maynards and Cullen's Stores the market is likely to watch Mr Cartier's interest in Caffyns closely.

Cash call for £7.4m by Glover

By Our City Staff

Glass Glover Group, the fruit and vegetable distributor, yesterday announced a one-for-three rights issue at 238p a share. The cash call will raise £7.4 million after expenses.

The company said it was pursuing a policy of expanding its marketing activities through organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

Recently it has announced the acquisition of Rankins Group and the establishment of a depot at Harlow in Essex. The company also said that it was "rapidly establishing an important niche in the area of contract distribution and in this context recently negotiated extensions of activities on behalf of existing and new clients."

Current expansion plans include the setting up of a new distribution centre each at Luton and South Wales, Yorkshire and Scotland.

The company said that during the first quarter of the current year, trading conditions were generally satisfactory

More recently, adverse weather conditions throughout Europe have interferred with the normal supply pattern resulting in lower-than-expected sales. But income from increased distribution activities has compensated

One the stock market yesterday Glass Glover shares fell 10p to 271p.

Oriflame leaps on buying news

By Jeremy Warner

Shares in Oriflame International, the cosmetics and skin care products group, leapt 60p on the stock market yesterday to 835p after news that the company intends to buy its own shares if the directors consider it "appropriate".

The company also announced a one-for-one scrip issue, a change from dollars to sterling as the statutory reporting currency of the holding company and a 6.3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for last year.

Oriflame is Scandinavian by origin, but its shares are mainly owned and traded in London and it is incorporated in Luxembourg. Under Luxembourg law it is permitted to buy its own shares for resale at a later date and the directors said yesterday that in future they intend to take advantage of this.

Mr Jones Jochnick chairman, said: "We do not wish to speculate in our own shares but when they begin to get as low as £6 we think that does not at all reflect the value of the company. We are not buying the shares at their present level."

The company's pre-tax profits rose from £4.5 million to £4.8 Million last year, helped mainly by strong growth in Scandinavia. In the past, The group has reported its figures in dollars and because of the dollar's strength against other currencies, this would have meant announcing a fall in profits had it continued to do so.

The company said: "Since only a small percentage of Oriflame sales are in US dollars and in view of its substantial appreciation against currencies in which we trade, the US dollar has not given a representative picture of the development of the group and its trading results."

A final dividend of 29.6p is being proposed to make a total for the year of 36.6p, an increase of 28 per cent.

The company said that prospects looked good, with established operations in 23 countries with more to be opened in the next two years.

Traded option highlights

British Telecom dominated the traded options market yesterday as 2,488 BT options were traded out of a total market volume of 6,994. The BT business was largely call options – 1,433 – as was the case in the market as a whole.

The BT contracts prices showed some strong movement, with April calls up by 10p and 11p, and the July 460 call contract also rose 10p. April 550 and 600 puts fell by 10p, and so did July 600 puts.

Elsewhere in the options market, only the index contract attracted dealers attention, with a total of 503 contracts changing hands.

HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Department of Economic Development (Northern Ireland)
Petroleum Production Act (Northern Ireland) 1964

The Department of Economic Development hereby invites applications for landward petroleum licences (which cover both exploration and production) in Nothern Ireland. It is envisaged that two licences will be awarded for areas in east Antrim and one licence for an area covering adjacent parts of east Tyrone and south Londonderry. The closing date for the receipt of licence applications is 28 June 1985.

The Department also gives notice that it has available for purchase, at a cost of £500, a package of information on the petroleum potential of the above areas. This information includes an assessment of prospects in North-East Ireland by V C Illing and Partners; a synopsis of the 1981 and 1983 seismic surveys in parts of Counties Antrim and Tyrone, Londonderry and Armagh; a technical report by Mr T J Papworth of Geominerals Exploration Incorporated on the processing of seismic data acquired across areas covered by surface basalt; and a synthesis of available geological and geochemical data.

The Department will be pleased to arrange, on request, discussions with Dr L V Illing and Mr A E Griffith (Director of the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland) in London during March and April 1985 for those companies which purchase the information package. Discussions of the geophysical data can also be arranged with Mr Papworth.

Companies wishing to purchase the package, which includes details of licensing terms and arrangements and a copy of a map showing the areas to be licensed, should forward their remittance (cheques to be made payable to "Department of Economic Development") to Minerals Branch, Department of Economic Development, Netherleigh, Massey Avenue, Belfast BT4 2JP. The package will be forwarded to them immediately and licence applications may be submitted at any time prior to the closing date of 28 June 1985.

IMF crackdown in Brazil cash burst

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

Why did the International Monetary Fund decide to withhold its blessing from the virtually completed long-term renegotiation of almost half of Brazil's $100 billion (£94.2 billion) debt, and throw the bankers into consternation by suspending Brazil's special drawing rights?

Ostensibly it was because Brazil has not fulfilled the terms of the latest letter of intent about goals for economic performance, agreed with the IMF at the end of last year. But Brazil had not met the terms of six previous letters either.

But it seemed in the interest of everybody concerned to overlook these failures, and for the IMF to agree the details of the recently concluded renegotiation of $45.3 billion, with the representatives of Brazil's 600 creditor banks, before the present administration steps down in nine days.

What seems to have been the final straw for the IMF, which is now adopting a far tougher line with all the Latin American debtor countries, seems to have been that even before the latest letter of intent had been signed by the IMF board in Washington, the money supply had exploded. It grew by 37 per cent in December, provoking the worst ever inflation in January, of 12.6 per cent, taking the annual rate to 230 per cent.

The committee of economists preparing a programme for the new government, has proposed that a maximum of $6 billion should be paid in interest each year, half the $11 billion to $12 billion actually due. This is anathema to the IMF and the bankers, who are already having to make special provisions for losses and poor performance on their Latin American loans.

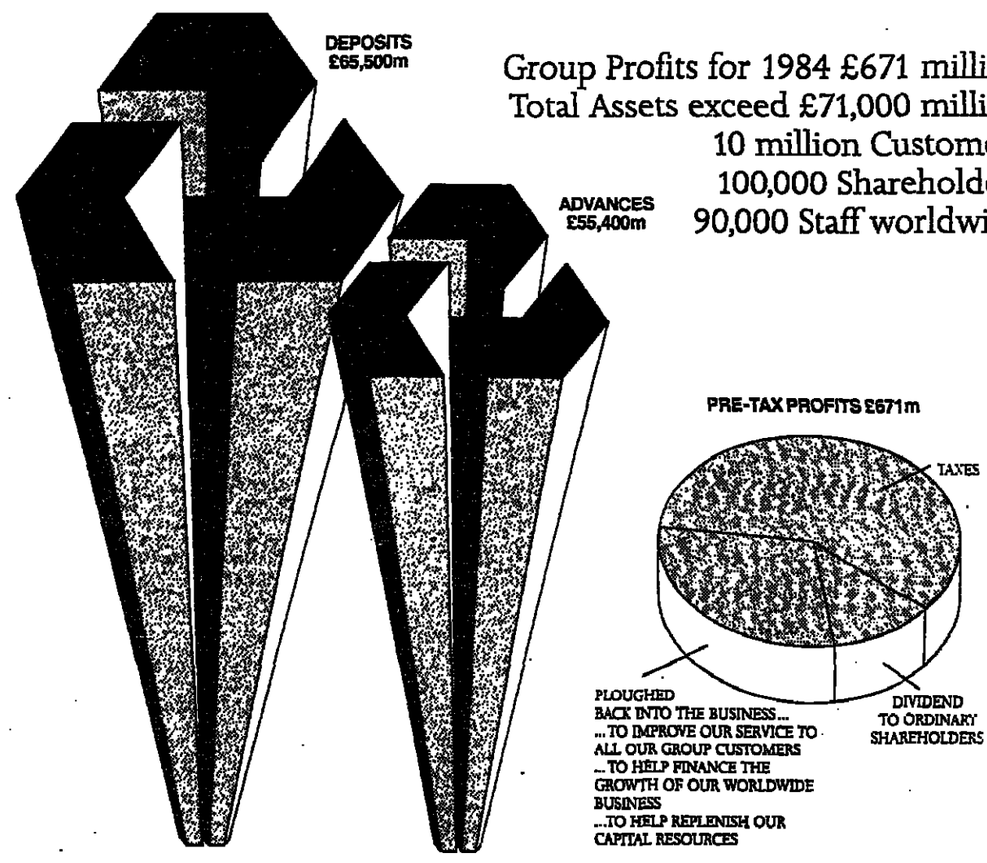
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Football: All quiet and confident on the English front as their crack troops muster for a four-pronged assault on Europe

Liverpool in the mood to conquer Austrians

From Clive White
Vienna

Not so long ago it seemed that every sports analyst in the country – barring, perhaps Ian St John – was writing the obituary of Liverpool Football Club. But here we are, still a third of the season to go, and they are alive and kicking in three competitions. Before you know it those same pundits will be talking about a Liverpool treble.

If that is taking matters a shade too far (not to mention overlooking certain other claims on Merseyside) it was with good reason that the Liverpool party left Manchester yesterday in a cheerful mood for their European Cup quarter-final, first leg here against FK Austria. Three points against their old adversaries, Nottingham Forest, on Saturday, which gave further substance to their League recovery, coupled with the FA Cup news of the previous evening were largely responsible (Southampton's defeat gives them a quarter-final tie against Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday's defeat has removed a feared rival).

Liverpool's odds here, too, will shorten dramatically if they put a foot in the door today. People are loath to back against Liverpool when the tension heightens. "I sense a great determination within the side to win this competition again," Joe Fagan, the manager, said. "Pride has always played a big part at Liverpool. In many ways I believe the departure of Souness is helping to lift them for the big one. Suggestion that we couldn't play without him have angered a few of the lads".

FK Austria, the first of their nationality that Liverpool have met in 21 years of European competition, are not reckoned to pose too much of a threat. Since the UEFA ruling and the rematch went against the British club in the ill-fated Rapid Vienna – Celtic Cup Winners' Cup tie, there is no reason why the holders should expect an unpleasant reception in the Hanappi Stadium, home of Rapid and for a day FK Austria, who considered their own cramped stadium unsuitable.

Liverpool have Walsh in for Dalglish, who is on the second leg of his three-match European ban. Upon being told of his selection, Walsh insisted on playing for the reserves on Monday to sharpen his game, dulled by enforced rests through injury and the weather, which is chilly and wet here. The only other change will be in midfield where Nicol, recovered from influenza, dislodges Johnston, about whom there is still no news as to his move.

LIVERPOOL: b Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, A Hansen, S Nicol, J Wark, K MacDonald, R Whelan, P Walsh, I Rush. Substitutes: G Gillespie, R Bolder, S Lee, C Johnston, J Molby.

Francis making good progress

Genoa (Reuter) – Trevor Francis is responding to treatment for a head injury but may not be fit for Sampdoria's next league fixture on March 17. Giacomo Cambiaggi, director of the Mont'Allegro private clinic in Genoa, said Francis was "quite well" yesterday and would probably be discharged in a few days' time.

"He has no fractures or brain damage," Cambiaggi said. But doctors preferred to keep Francis under observation after the clash of heads which left him unconscious for five minutes during Sampdoria's 1-0 win over Udinese on Sunday.

Hazard to load the gun for Hoddle the assassin

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur must look at the first leg of their UEFA Cup quarter-final tie at White Hart Lane tonight through the cold eyes of hired assassins. Their potential prey, Real Madrid, are clearly weak and enfeebled but in the magestic surroundings of their own Bernabeu Stadium they are still capable of restoring some of their former glory.

Tottenham are equipped to go in for the kill, particularly with the inclusion of Hazard for the suspended Roberts. The talented midfield player comes in fdor his first full game for three months to complement Hoddle.

Peter Shreeves, his club manager, has instead encouraged Hoddle, his outstanding individual, to display his gifts again in the shop window of Europe. "For 20 minutes against Feyenoord last season he was untouchable", he said yesterday. "He is capable of destroying any team and I hope he picks tonight to do it."

The return of Galvin will also be "a big factor". His last two appearances were for the Republic of Ireland against Italy two weeks ago, when he strained a hamstring, and against Watford's under-15 side on Sunday.

The versatile Stevens steps back to fill the gap left by Roberts, whose presence will be more of a comfort during the second leg. Although the Spaniards are in the middle of their worst domestic run since the war, they have so far beaten Innsbruck 5-0, Rijeka 3-0 and, most notably, Anderlecht (Tottenham's victims in last season's final) 6-1 at home.

Real's record within these shores is significantly poor. In eight previous visits they have avoided defeat only once.

Amancio Amaro, in spite of seeing his side win only one of their last 10 fixtures, remains optimistic. He must. Unless he guides Real to the UEFA Cup itself his famous club will be out of Europe for only the second time since 1957 and he presumably will be out of a job.

Tottenham, yet to concede a goal in the competition at White Hart Lane, should by tonight have ushered him at least halfway towards dismissal but four players must be wary of their own future should the holders go through. Falco and Miller have been booked once and Hoddle and Hughton have already been suspended.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R. Clemence; S. Perryman, C. Hughton, P. Miller, G. Stevens, J. Chiedozie, G. Hoddle, M. Hazard, M. Falco, A. Galvin, G. Crooks.







Witnesses of bedlam: Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman (top) and Ted Croker, the FA secretary, who observed such scenes of hooliganism at Stamford Bridge as the throwing of seats, one of which is collected by Berry of Sunderland (photograph: Ian Stewart).

Hell hath no fury like Chelsea in defeat

By Stuart Jones

The press box at Stamford Bridge is a glass box that hangs from the roof of the old West Stand. Watching the second leg of the Milk Cup semi-final between Chelsea and Sunderland from that precarious point on Wednesday night was to be suspended above a vision of sporting hell.

The Football Association will take a considered view of the horrific incidents once they have received the referee's report. But by chance Ted Croker, the secretary, was sitting in the stand on the opposite side of the ground with Bert Millichip, the chairman, and Jack Dunnett, the secretary of the League.

"We shared the frustration of the majority of the people around us," Croker said. "It was disappointing that such an occasion should be ruined by a few incredible idiots. The mentality of these people is alarming. It is not as if they crawled out of the woodwork. They live among us. It is frightening.

"The problem is that there is so little you can do. After their troubles Chelsea have, like other clubs in recent years, done so much to try to prevent hooliganism. Their fencing now encircles the ground, their co-operation with the police is good and 44,000 people are still prepared to go there and see them.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find clubs guilty of the charge that they have failed to take all reasonable precautions. The inquiry may come across a loophole in Chelsea's case but I find it all so depressing."

He saw for himself the moment when a stadium official was felled "by a small object".

He was spared a closer inspection of most of the ugliness which was spread across the terraces to the West. That included the sight of one individual sprinting more than 100 yards with a wooden chair for the potentially lethal prupose of hurling it into the midst of Sunderland's followers.

That included the coins and the thin sharp planks which were thrown at mounted policemen, the linesmen nearby and players alike. That included the intended assault on Walker, a former Chelsea player who scored the first two of Sunderland's three goals, by a persistent lout who was eventually marched away to the sickening chorus of "loyal supporter".

The chant, sung by significantly more than a few spectators, was particularly disturbing. During a similar incident at Anfield earlier this season, the Kop immediately condemned the actions of an intruder and vociferously implored him: "To get off the pitch." At Chelsea he was applauded as he was forcibly take off it.

Ken Bates, the club's chairman, admits that there is "an area in the new east stand, on the lower tier nearest the away supporters, which is becoming a focal point for troublemakers. We might have to clear them away completely and perhaps drive them back onto the terraces where they would be less able to cause damage."

Bates has merely located the obvious danger. The place where visual antagonism can burst into physical violence. The same trouble though on a considerably smaller scale, broke out at the same juncture for instance last Saturday at Old Trafford, usually a relatively peacful area, towards the end of Manchester United's fixture against Everton.

The players themselves could help by curbing aggression that was wild at times on Wednesday. The leading culprit was Speedie. About to be suspended for the third time this season, he should ask himself whether he is setting the right example.



Whiteside: United's new penalty taker.

Stapleton to lead United's charge

By Peter Ball

Ron Atkinson's clarion call, "Go out and have a go", which has carried Manchester United through their weeks without Bryan Robson and other slightly less distinguished absentees, will again be the basis of their approach in tonight's first leg of their UEFA Cup quarter-final against the Hungarian League leaders, Videoton, at Old Trafford.

Having finally, and probably wisely, rejected the idea of picking Robson, Atkinson makes only one change in the makeshift team which played so vibrantly against Everton on Saturday. Stapleton, who has recovered from illness, replaces Brazil as expected. Depending on the results of yesterday's meeting with a specialist, and his fitness this morning, Robson may, however, be on the bench.

In the continued absence of Murren and Moses as well, United's midfield will again comprise the England full back, Duxbury, and the Northern Ireland forward, Whiteside. Whiteside's broad but youthful shoulders have accepted another burden, for after Strachan's penalty miss on Saturday, and Olsen's refusal to replace him, the Northern Irishman will do the job if necessary.

If the absences seem a large handicap against opposition which Atkinson, on limited knowledge, described as formidable, his usual word in European ties, the United Manager is taking consolation from Strachan's continuing excellence and Olsen's recent return to his early season form. Videoton are a better defensive side than United's Hungarian opponents in the first round, Raba Eto Gyor.

Although Videoton began the second half of their season with a win over Eger, and have beaten impressive opposition in Dukla Prague, Paris Saint-Germain and Partizan Belgrade to reach this stage, apart fron the international midfield player Csongradi, and the centre forward, Szabo, the factory team from Szekesfehervar are an unknown quantity.

Their company, Videoton Electronics, hope that playing Manchester United will mean that their videos and televisions will be rather better known from now on, even if United deny their team further fame.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; J Gidman, A Albiston, M Duxbury, P McGrath, G Hogg, G Strachan, F Stapleton, M Hughes, N Whiteside, J Olsen.

Agnew has to wait for verdict

Steve Agnew, the 19-year-old Barnsley reserve forward, will spend the next few days wondering whether he will be playing against the League champions, Liverpool, in the sixth round of the FA Cup at Oakwell on Sunday. Agnew was outstanding in Barnsley's 2-1 victory at Southampton on Monday night, which took the Yorkshire club through to the last eight for the first time in 25 years.

He scored the first Barnsley goal after Southampton had gone ahead through Steve Moran, and was the man who was pushed to the floor when the Yorkshire club were awarded a penalty, from which Gordon Owen scored the winner.

Agnew admitted: "I only got into the team because Rodger Wylde, Alvin Plummer and Ian Walsh were all unfit, and I don't know what the boss will do for the Liverpool game. I'd love to play." Agnew has a chance because Wylde is suspended and Plummer still has an ankle in plaster.

Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, refused to talk about his side's controversial late defeat in their fifth round match at Ipswich. The substitute, Alan Sunderland, scored two minutes from the end, when the whole crowd expected a whistle for off-side. However, the referee, Ken Baker, from Birmingham, hesitantly gave a goal after having a long, hard look at his linesman as Ipswich went through 3-2.

"I don't want to fan the fire," Wilkinson said. "You might say that we were unlucky. I ran onto the pitch at the end to restrain Mick Lyons because I was concerned about what he might do."

Ferguson, whose team play at Norwich in the Milk Cup semi-final second leg tonight, holding a 1-0 lead, confirmed that his side had escaped injury.

Varadi gave Wednesday a first half lead only for Zondervan to equalize in the 49th minute. A minute later, Lyons headed the visitors in front again and Burley scored in the 70th minute, to set up the finale.

Yesterday's result

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Luton 3; Ipswich 3, Swindon 0; Queen's Park Rangers 4, Portsmouth 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 4, Territorial Army 2.

Watson's return can inspire Norwich

The Norwich City captain, Dave Watson, should today be passed fit to lead his side in tonight's Milk Cup semi-final second leg against their East Anglian rivals, Ipswich Town, at Carrow Road. Norwich are 1-0 behind after the first leg.

Watson missed last Saturday's draw at Queen's Park Rangers because of a back injury sustained when training with England last week. But the Norwich manager, Ken Brown, is prepared to risk him. Brown said: "Dave is still stiff and sore but he should be okay. He is determined to play and so important to us pyschologically. When his is missing we are not the same side." If Watson returns, Van Wyck will switch to left back at the expense of Downs.

Ipswich are concerned that Monday night's stirring FA Cup tie with Sheffield Wednesday could hamper their chances. Their midfield trio of Zondervan, Brennan and Putney are all receiving treatment for knocks. With Wilson cup-tied there could be places for Dozzell, fit after a chest infection, and Sunderland, who scored the winning goal against Wednesday.

Tonight's FA Cup fifth round replays are likely to be as evenly balanced as the Milk Cup semi-final. The Wimbledon manager, Dave Bassett, has warned West Ham: "It's far from over yet," as his side prepare to visit Upton Park after their 1-1 draw at Wimbledon on Monday.

West Ham's hopes of winning the match – and a trip to Manchester United, in the sixth round – rest on Alan Devonshire. The England midfield player made his first team comeback on Monday. But there are doubts about Pike (groin) and Goddard (knee), but the England defender Martin, has shaken off a thigh injury. Dickens, Swindlehurst, Hilton and Barnes are added as cover.

Wimbledon's only doubt is their Welsh under-21 international, Hodges, who has a thigh injury. Bassett said: "He is one of the players I would least like to lose."

In the other replay, Luton are banking on their winger Nwajiobi, making a quick recovery from a foot injury to line up at Watford. The Nigerian is Luton's only worry after Monday's 0-0 draw. Parker will play if Nwajiobi is unfit.

Watford could rush back Jackett, who has missed the last two games with thigh trouble. He is likely to be preferred to Lohman, whose troublesome knee is unlikely to survive three testing games inside five days. The Watford fullback and captain Rostron, will play – despite needing six stitiches in a head wound after the first match and their goalkeeper, Coton, may also have recovered after missing three matches with a virus infection.

Testing assignment

By Simon O'Hagan

Frans Thijssen, the former Ipswich Town and Nottingham Forest midfield player, returns to English soil tonight when he and his fellow Dutchman from Fortuna Sittard meet Everton at Goodison Park in the leg of their European Cup Winners's Cup quarter-final.

Thijssen was described by his manager, Bert Jakobs, yesterday as Fortuna's anchor man. He may need to be if his side are to avoid being swamped by the wave of success Everton have been riding for more than a year. Everton ought to win the tie, provided the prospect of a League and Cup double as well does not turn their heads. With a man like Howard Kendall in charge that seems unlikely.

In the continued absence of the injured Sharp, Kendall has chosen the side which drew at Manchester United on Saturday. Having had the advantage of being drawn away in the first leg in both the previous ties, Kendall does not want to repeat the experience he had as a player with Everton in 1971 when they were knocked out of the European Cup on the away goals rule.

Fortuna, in their first season in Europe, were the product of an amalgamation in 1968 of two clubs based in Sittard in the south-east corner of the Netherlands. Since reaching the first division three seasons ago they have come to occupy an increasingly large part of the shadow cast over Dutch football by the 'big three' – of Ajax, Feyenoord and PSV Eindhoven.

Fortuna have thus brought over some modest traditions, and, more dignificantly, several injured players. Jacobs, who was 44 yesterday, will not select his team until today in the hope that Holverda, a forward, and Boessen and Eleveld, both defenders, have recovered from injury.

EVERTON: N Southall, G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, A Curran, A Gray, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.

Bordeaux guesswork

Bordeaux, comfortably on their way to a second successive French League title, include Fernando Chalana for his European Cup debut for the club in the quarter-final first leg against Soviet opponents Dnepropetrovsk. Bordeaux have won their last eight matches but their main concern is that they know nothing about their opponents.

Foreigners are denied access to Dnepropetrovsk and a Bordeaux official had to abandon plans to watch the club's 1–1 draw last Friday against Dynamo Kiev.

Liverpool's other main rivals for the Cup, Juventus, have never won the competition and will be looking for a resounding first leg victory over Sparta Prague, following their 5–1 Italian League victory over Cremonese on Sunday.

The weakest of the quarter-final ties, IFK Goteborg should overcome Panathinaikos.

McGarvey is put on transfer list

Scott McGarvey, the forward Portsmouth signed as replacement for Mark Hateley, has been put on the transfer list after only nine months at Fratton Park. The Portsmouth manager Alan Ball paid Manchester United £85,000 the day after Hateley's £1m transfer to AC Milan was completed, but McGarvey struggled under the weight of comparisons with Hateley and has scored only five goals.

The former Scottish under-21 international lost his first team place to Alan Biley and Dave Bamber and became unsettled. Ball said: "It hasn't worked out for Scott and he feels he would be better off making a fresh start somewhere else.

"He was not helped by the crowd constantly comparing him with Hateley. They are different types of players."

● Martin Jol, Coventry City's Dutch international midfield player, has returned to the Netherlands. He has rejoined his first club, the second division side, Den Haag. He signed for Coventry on a one-year contract last June after completing two years with West Bromwich Albion.

● Mansfield have signed Neil Whatmore on a free transfer from Burnley. The 29-year-old forward completed a three-month loan period with Mansfield last week, during which he scored three goals in 12 appearances.

Harrow back with a kick

Schools football by George Chesterton

With half-term breaks over and a welcome improvement in the weather, the schools programme is back in full swing. Harrow won 3-1 at Bedford. The home team had the better of a competitive first half, taking the lead through Watson-Prain; but soon after the interval Harrow collected themselves and took control. Khan equalized and within 10 minutes Bonomi scored twice more to underline their dominance. Christ's Hospital visited Charterhouse and lost 1-0. This was a fast game in which the home team had good control in midfield. Beattie at centre back for Christ's Hospital held the defence together to keep Charterhouse at bay until Wattar broke through with five minutes to go and scored a well-deserved winning goal. Halleybury had a formidable task of playing Chigwell, who are coming towards the end of a third successful season. Chigwell won 6-1, overunning the opposition in midfield. They crossed over with the score 4-1 but, despite sound defence by Huggett, scored twice more.

Sixteen Lent term schools met this week at Douai for their annual six-a-side competition. The semi-finalists were Harrow, Christ's Hospital, Dulwich and Bearwood. Dulwich defeated Bearwood, and Harrow, avenging a group defeat earlier, beat Christ's Hospital, Lloyd-Jones scoring the only goal. In the final Harrow seized two early chances, Khan and Lloyd-Jones being the scorers. Dulwich battled hard and pulled one goal back but 2-1 was the final score, a fit and determined Harrow deserving success.

Elliott's misery

Shaun Elliott, the third club captain in two years to miss a Wembley cup final through suspension, is calling for a change in the disciplinary procedure.

The Sunderland captain, whose booking against Chelsea means that he faces an automatic two-match ban which will start only six days before the Milk Cup final, said: "I am not the first player to have missed a Wembley final and I will not be the last until the rules are changed."

SQUASH RACKETS

Briars defeats the bionic man to confound rankings

By Rex Bellamy

Britain won both titles when the inaugural Greater London championships, sponsored by Wilson, ended on Monday at the Stripes Squash and Health Club, Ealing. Gawain Briars confounded the world rankings with a 9-7, 9-5, 9-4 win over Ross Norman (New Zealand). Lisa Opie, confirmed the rankings by beating Liz Irving (Australia) 6–9, 9–5, 9–5, 9–3.

Norman, whose left knee was rebuilt after a parachuting accident, is the game's closest approach to a bionic man. Norman ranks third in the world but Briars, thirteenth, has beaten him in straight games in their last two matches.

There was not much between them in an awfully arduous first game, in which rallies of 70 or 80 shots were commonplace. But Briars won it and was more decisively in charge when both then opened up with a higher proportion of daring shots. "He was too good" Norman said. New Zealanders and Australians are like that. No excuses.

Miss Irving, aged 20, comes form Brisbane. She covers the court swiftly and gracefully, volleys well, and commands a wealth of shots. What she has to learn, at this level, is to improve her "reading" ability and to maintain her tactical discretion when under stress in a long and tough match.

At first Miss Opie was overwhelmed by a dazzling assault. Miss Irving's winners came in almost as many varieties as those famous beans.

The dream was good while it lasted but in the second game Miss Irving's errors matched her winners. The storm had blown itself out. Miss Opie, who had begun to look a little flustered but never lost her tactical discipline, took control.

In the third game an obscenity escaped Miss Irving's lips. This seemed to startle her even more than it startled anyone else. She covered her face with her hands and cried out: "I don't believe I said that. Sorry!" Then she apologised in turn to both tiers of the gallery. Seldom has an indiscretion been so delightfully transformed into demure good humour.

Kent in the pink

Kent County Cricket Club's annual report reveals an operating profit last year of £32,261. Membership rose by 687 to 5,702 and match receipts increased by 16.5 per cent.

RACKETS

Cambridge lose their touch under pressure

By William Stephens

Oxford beat Cambridge in the deciding rubber of the universities' match at Queen's Club yesterday, when William Bristowe (Charterhouse and SEH) and Charles Hall (Winchester and BNC) defeated Timothy Robins (Clifton and Queen's) and Paul Titchener (Malvern and Christ's), 15-6, 7-15, 15-9, 15-13, 15-10, in the doubles.

Cambridge had chosen to remain with their winning combination of last year, despite the presence of Adrian Spurling, H K Foster Cup winner in 1983, as a freshman at Trinity Hall. Their players continue to suffer from restrictions on practice time since their court is used for badminton, except for four hours a week. Oxford were sharp in the rallies. Hall excelling with service; Cambridge gave early evidence of their telent, but lost under pressure.

Titchenor began the match with an authoritative singles win by 15-8, 17-16, 9-15, 15-8 over Hall, and when Robins led 1-0 and 10-1 against Bristowe, Cambridge looked assured of victory. Bristowe applied concentration and staged a revival to win 8-15, 16-13, 15-9, 15-0

In Detroit on Sunday, John Prenn beat his fellow Englishman James Male, appearing in his first North American competition, by 3-0, to win the US Open singles championship. Together they won the doubles title, beating Edward Ulmann and Shannon Hazell 3-1.

TENNIS

Shaken Swedes let off

Sao Paulo (Reuter) – The International Tennis Federation will not force holders Sweden to play their Davis Cup tie in Chile following last Sunday's earthquake, the ITF director of men's tennis, Thomas Hallberg, said yesterday.

Hallberg, who is Swedish, said in Sao Paulo that the match would either be switched to another South American country, probably Brazil, or postponed.

Sweden's non-playing team captain, Hans Olsson, said in Santiago that his number one player, Mats Wilander, left Chile on Monday night and the rest of the team were due to follow yesterday without waiting for an official postponement of the first round tie, scheduled for this weekend.

But Hallberg said he had spoken by telephone to the President of the Swedish Tennis Federation, Lars Olander, who told him from Santiago that the remainder of the team would stay until a decision was taken. Hallberg said Olander was negotiating with the Chilean authorities to have the tie played this weekend in Brazil, probably in Sao Paulo.

"The ITF would never force Sweden to play the match in Chile under these circumstances," Hallberg said.

Hallberg, who has special responsibility for the Davis Cup, said that if Chile did not agree to switch the venue the tie would be postponed.

LTA expand scheme

The Lawn Tennis Association have expanded the scheme that permits promising teenage boys to live at the Bisham Abbey national training centre, near Marlow, while continuing their formal education at local schools (Rex Bellamy writes). Now in its second year, the scheme enables the boys to benefit from Bisham Abbey's comprehensive tennis facilities and thus develop their aptitude for the game.

The newcomers, who will move in next September, will be: Simon Booth, (Warwickshire), aged 16, and Danny Sapsford (Surrey), 15, who will both attend the Royal Grammar School at High Wycombe, and Andrew Foster (Staffordshire), 12, who will go to the Great Marlow School. Four boys, all aged 13 or 14, are already in residence: Colin Beecher (Kent), Sebastian Jackson (Cheshire), Ulli Nganga (Norfolk) and Nick Smith (Lancashire).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Trialist to fill a gap

By Keith Macklin

The broken jaw sustained by Graham Liptrot in Sunday's game at Featherstone, an injury that will probably precipitate his retirement from the game, has given St Helens a severe problem for Friday night's televised top four game at Oldham. Their only hooker replacement is an amateur trialist from a local rugby union club, and after several successful reserve team trials he will be thrown in at the deep end under the name of A N Other. The St Helens secretary, Geoff Sutcliffe, yesterday denied reports that St Helens were looking for an immediate bit name replacement for Liptrot.

Despite the record-breaking 50-4 victory over France on Friday, the Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford, is planning changes for the return game at Perpignan on Sunday week. He intends to give several other young players in the squad of 26 a game as part of the preparation for the visit of New Zealand later this year.

IN BRIEF

Rhoades calls for hard line over drugs

Ian Botham's drugs case will be considered by the Test and County cricket board this week. The issue will be raised by the Lancashire chairman, Cedric Rhoades, who wants the board to take a policy decision on cricketers convicted of offences involving drugs. Botham was fined £100 by Scunthorpe magistrates last month for possessing a small amount of cannabis.

Rhoades said yesterday: "Cricket should distance itself from any connection with drugs. It is one of the worst aspects of society today." Whether Rhoades demands a ban on cricketers convicted of drug offences would depend on the legal implications.

BILLIARDS: Ian Williamson, the former British junior champion, reached the quarter-finals of the Eurotherm world professional championship by beating Bernard Bennett 3-0 at the Hatton Garden Snooker Centre on Monday night. He will now meet either Alex Higgins or Ray Edmunds.

CYCLING: Stefan Maurer, of Switzerland, who crashed in only his second professional road race, will be lame for life, doctors at the Basle paraplegic centre said yesterday. Maurer, 25, considered one of the most talented cyclists to have turned professional recently, suffered vertebral injuries in a race in Sicily on February 24.

BOXING: The Oxford University boxing captain, Paddy McGuinness, has named three Blues in the team to meet Cambridge in the Varsity match at Cambridge on Friday, including the light heavyweight, Richard Roberts, whose controversial defeat last year enabled Cambridge to win the match 5–4.

TEAM: (*denotes a Blue*): Featherweight: M M Diesto (St John's); Lightweight: C T Mack (Pembroke); Light Welterweight: *S L Naaman (Keble); Welterweight: *K J Morgan (Balliol); Light Middleweight: F Ogunlolun (Lincoln); Middleweight: P J McGuinness (Balliol, capt) and Ma Uneham (Christ Church); Light Heavyweight: *R N Roberts (Christ Church); Heavyweight: A C Thompson (Worcester).

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

PRINCETON, New Jersey: US Women's indoor championships: First round: P Louie (US) bt K Schaefer (US) 6-0, 6-1; S Reha (US) bt C Benjamin (US) 6-1, 6-4; B Bunge (WG) bt V Puzici (Rom) 6-3, 6-0; S Hanika (WG) bt A Temesvari (Hungy) 6-1, 6-2.

INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims tournament: First round: S Arriach (Fr) bt M Schropp (WG) 6-4, 6-3.

NEW YORK: Grand Prix (US unless stated): 1, T Mayotte, 842pts; 2, J McEnroe, 625; 3, S Davis, 514; 4, S Edberg (Swe), 407; 5, K Curren (SA), 380; 6, Y Noah (Fr), 357; 7, L Stefanki, 336; 8, J Connors, 308; 9, G Holmes, 272; equal 10, D Pate, T Smid (Cz), 266.

HORSE TRIALS

BRACKLEY: British Airways Trials, first round: Restricted Hunt Class: 1, Harry Boy (Mrs Sarah Turner); Novice Class: 1, The Hedgehunter (Mrs Sarah Turner). Open: 1, Cantalibre (B Lucas).

HANDBALL

MEN'S MIDLAND LEAGUE: Warwick Jaguars 14, Wakefield 21; MK Eagles 19, SU Wolves Poly 34.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Kirkby 6, Halewood Forum 19.

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS: ESFA Barclays Bank Under 18 national competition: second round: Southend High School 6, St Ignatius 0.

HOCKEY

PORTSMOUTH: Inter-Services tournament: Royal Navy 2, RAF 0; Royal Navy Under 21s 4, Army Under 21s 0.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): San Antonio Spurs 109, Philadelphia 76ers 103; Dallas Mavericks 107, Phoenix Suns 99; Cleveland Cavaliers 108, Golden State Warriors 104; postponed: Detroit Pistons v Milwaukee Bucks.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Minnesota North Stars 4, Montreal Canadiens 3.

SKIING

OBERJOCH: West Germany: World Cup Freestyle: MEN: Ballet: 1, E Labourdette (Fr) 26.7; 2, R Schebi (WG) 26.5; 3, C Simboli (Can) 25.9. British placings: 5, M Nemesserry 24.9; 30, D Lewis 21.6. Moguls: 1, E Labourdette 24.41; 2, J Dutruit (Fr) 23.38; 3, S Desovich (US) 22.93. British placings: 46, M Nemesserry 15.77; 50, D Morrison 11.35. Aerials: 1, L Langlois (Can) 217.58; 2, A Laroche (Can) 207.72; 3, K Fedderson (US) 199.39; 4, M Nemesserry (GB) 188.42. Combined: 1, E Labourdette 22; 2, J Wirt (US) 36 ... C Simboli 46. British placings: 6, M Nemesserry 55.

RAVASCLETTO, Italy: Europa Cup freestyle: MEN: Ballet: 1, M Pascal (Switz) 25.8; 2, F Roberto (It) 25.1; 3, E Lafargue (Fr) 24.1. British placings: 8, C Gordon 20.1; 24, R Morrison 15.7. Ballet: 1, M Pascal 25.2; 2, F Roux (Fr) 24.8; 3, A Ebert (WG) 24.1. British placings: 15, C Gordon 19.8; 23, R Morrison 18.5. Moguls: Ballet: 1, N Ferrier (Fr) 25.1; 2, M Noiven (Nett) 22.8; 3, B Faure (It) 22.5. British placings: 5, J Snell 21.2; 9, J Curry 14.1; 13, L Niven 9.8. Ballet: 1, N Ferrier 25.3; 2, M Blondt (It) 24.7; 3, B Faure 24.3. British placings: 7, J Curry 18.4; 13, L Niven 9.0.

BOWLS

YORK: Somerdale English women's national championships: Singles, semi-final: M Price (Desborough) bt N May (West Cornwall) 21-9, 21-16; semi-finals: J Pacey and V Crosby (Spalding) bt B Colpin and D Hall (Yorks) 22-11, Triples, semi-finals: Crystal Palace (E Townsend, S Perkins, E West) bt Hartlepool (B Jackson, J Newton, P McTiernan) 21-15. Fours: Gateshead (A Talbot, E Crooks, L Miller, P Mather) bt Essex County (P Spurgeon, J Leon, D Lonergan, E Schooling) 27-11.

Singles: Semi-finals: S Franklin (Wisbech) bt S Miller (Preston, Brighton) 21-16. Triples: Semi-final: Lincoln (V Healey, J Greenfield, K Scatcliffe) bt Cambridge Chesterton (S Sewell, J Daniels, P Wynn) 23-7. Fours: Semi-final: Margate (E Panton, M Webster, P Taylor, A Brown) bt Cherwell, Oxford (J Wickson, M Griffin, L Read, P Alison) 22-17.

SWANSEA: GB British Isles indoor championships: Pairs, semi-finals: S Morley and P Goulding (Eng) bt D Evans and J Thomas (Wales) 22-15; W Montgomery and J Brankin (Ire) bt B Nicol and I Bruce (Scot) 20-19. Triples: Ireland (D Mineely, D Johnston, S Ashwood) 23, England (E Brookes, R Hall, R Robertson) 14; Scotland (D Ross, M McCallum, W Harkness) 23, Wales (S Rees, T Sullivan, C Williams) 8. Fours: Scotland (W Gorham, D Bright, J McGregor, J Bright) 24, England (M Seijer, G Smith, T Heppell, A Thomson) 20; Ireland (J McMullan, P Davey, M Dunlop, D Hamilton) 22, Wales (M Thomas, A Thomas, A Davies, C Lewis) 21. Singles: A Ross (Eng) 21, P Evans (Wales) 11; F McCartney (Scot) 21, T Reeves (Ire) 18.

Singles: Final: Ross 21, McCartney 11. Pairs: Final: Morley and Goulding 18, Montgomery and Branking 12.

BILLIARDS

HATTON GARDEN CENTRE: World professional championships: First round (best of five games): I Williamson (Leeds) bt B Bennett (Southampton) 3-0; J Kamehm (GB) beats E Charlton (Aust) 3-0.

GOLF

NEW YORK: LPGA tour earnings (all US): 1, P Sheehan $80,525; 2, B King $64,737; 3, H Stacy $43,393; 4, J Carner $35,104; A Alcott $31,890; 6, J Blalock $30,338; 7, N Lopez $30,028; 8, P Bradley $29,500; 9, A Okamoto $29,641; 10, D White $24,975.

NEW YORK: PGA tour earnings (all US): 1, M O'Meara $194,625; 2, L Wadkins, $183,850; 3, C Strange, $137,344; 4, C Stadler, $133,855; 5, C Pete, $107,585; 6, M McCumber, $81,333; 7, R Brock, $77,792; 8, W Blackburn, $75,928; 9, L Mize, $73,858; 10, C Pavin, $68,185. British placings: 43, N Faldo, $21,015; 55, P Oosterhuis, $16,621; 69, S Lyle, $15,124; 112, K Brown, $5,896.

Steptoe step in

Nick Joyce, Leicester's second row forward, has a throat infection and will miss Saturday's John Player Cup quarter-final against Coventry at Coundon Road. Taking his place will be Kevin Steptoe, a policeman who was playing for a local club, Westleigh, at the start of the season.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

MILK CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Chelsea 2, Sunderland 3 (Sunderland win 5-2 on aggregate and play Ipswich Town or Norwich City in final).

FA CUP: Fifth round: Ipswich Town 3, Sheffield Wednesday 2 (Ipswich away to Everton); Luton Town 0, Watford 0 (winners at home to Millwall); Southampton 1, Barnsley 2 (Barnsley at home to Liverpool; Wimbledon 1, West Ham United 1 (winners away to Manchester United).

FOURTH DIVISION: Southend United 1, Hartlepool United 1; Stockport County 1, Colchester United 0.

GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham 2, Kidderminster 1; Dagenham 0, Enfield 3; Northwich Victoria 1, Telford United 0.

SEROWAY/MI ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis 2, Hayes 0; Croydon 2, Walthamstow Avenue 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup, second round replay: Matlock 2, Horwich 1. Postponed: Mossley v Marine.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 2, Nottingham Forest 2; Sheffield United 0, Aston Villa 2. Second division: Wolverhampton 1, Rotherham 2.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 0, Watford 1; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Brighton 1.

FA TROPHY: Third round second replay: Barnet 0, Runcorn 0 (aet; replay Thursday).

WORLD CUP Qualifying match: Central American and Caribbean group: Honduras 1, Surinam 1.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Preliminary round: Zimbabwe 1, Madagascar 0.

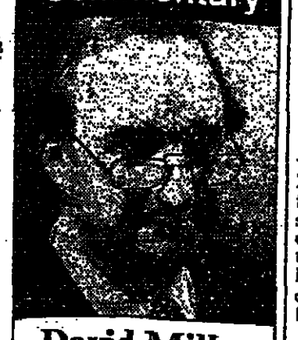
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round replay: Millwall 2, QP Rangers 0.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngo: Upper and Middle runs complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes almost complete, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1800ft. Hill and main roads clear. Snow level: 2000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: snow cover patchy, wet snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2000ft. Glenmore: Insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, powder snow. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, powder snow. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2000ft.

meeting of rail, miners and steel strikes in autumn.

Sports Commentary



David Miller

Barcelona

In 1984 the City of Barcelona, at present regarded as the leading candidate for the 1992 Olympic Games, spent £750,000 in foreign promotion, publicity and entertaining to support its application. This year it will double that investment, which, if unsuccessful, would be a total write off.

By contrast, the British Olympic Association (BOA) chairman, Charles Palmer, has so far had a private chat with Neil Macfarlane about the possibility for London; and Bob Scott, an active and successful entrepreneur in East Lancashire, has written a fanciful puff in *The Guardian* for Manchester's ambitions.

Everyone would wish the BOA, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Scott good luck. I would die happy to have reported professionally a third successful Olympics in Britain. Yet let us be realistic: the briefest study of what is happening here – and in Amsterdam – would reveal that Britain's first chance, and coincidentally and God willing, my last, would be AD 2000.

Time running out for the British

The BOA and Mr Scott are said to be undertaking feasibility studies, rehabilitating the work previously launched and then shelved by the GLC. I beg to suggest that our optimists should consider the specific procedures for 1992.

This week, letters will be sent by the International Olympic Committee to all National Olympic Committee members requesting formal applications from those interested, to which candidates must reply by May 15.

At their meeting in East Berlin in June, the IOC members may be privately invited for publicity purposes by candidate cities. Three IOC committees will be nominated to visit each city to inspect respectively technical facilities, administration / organization / village potential, and non-sporting functions (transport, security, etc).

A report on these findings will be made at the IOC session in Lausanne in October, and the final vote made by IOC members – not by NOC members – in October 1986. The British, cannot conceivably meet this time schedule in good order.

Whether London or Manchester could begin to challenge the financial dimensions of the campaign by Amsterdam and Barcelona is another, and questionable, matter. Amsterdam for instance, has the official commercial backing of Philips, KLM and Heineken.

Barcelona, which previously applied for 1924, 1936 and 1972, has the support of the City Chamber of Commerce, the Catalonian Government, the National Government and, unofficially as yet, the Sony Corporation. The provincial government is committed to building a new £15 million indoor stadium which would stage gymnastics, basketball, handball and volleyball.

The national government, which is financing a new swimming pool in Barcelona for the world championships of 1986, is expected to agree to underwrite be renovation at £11 million, of the Mont Juic stadium uniquely sited above the harbour, which was originally built in 1931 for the Games which in the event went to Berlin, and now lies in decay. The inhabitants of Catalonia will finance the Games with a £7 million a year taxation over 10 years.

Three mistakes in Manchester's bid

Mr Scott has made three basic errors in his folksy assessment for Manchester; that the closing date for application is the end of the year, that the rowing and cycling could be staged in Nottingham and Leicester and that the 1988 television rights in Seoul could be £1,000 million (whereas they may be less than half that). He further believes that East Lancashire is comparable with Southern California, which has a gross income only surpassed by seven entire nations in the world, and that Lancashire spectators, notwithstanding unemployment, could provide the full house attendances at more than 20 sports as witnessed in Los Angeles. Regrettably it is not true, as this newspaper's former Football Association Correspondent used to claim, that every day is Christmas Day.

No consortium at present available in Britain can put together the finance needed for 1992, even if there were time. Yet it is only 15 years to 2000: those games ought to be the objective and in that time Britain could gain international credibility. Should the IOC be reluctant to accept three consecutive Games in Europe then let us go for 2004.

CRICKET: THE MEN ENGLAND CONQUERED ARE SCALING MAGICAL HEIGHTS AGAIN

India on the roof of the world

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

With another magnificent victory, this time over New Zealand, India swept into the final of the Benson and Hedges so-called World Championship of Cricket here yesterday. There they will meet either West Indies or Pakistan, who play each other in the other semi-final in Melbourne today.

India's performance is almost magical. A month ago, when England had finished with them, they must have wondered at the good of their so much as coming. Yet here they are, winning enthusiastic support with the spirit and quality of their cricket.

In the last fortnight they have met Pakistan, England, Australia and New Zealand and, greatly to their credit, bowled each of them out. New Zealand yesterday with nothing to spare. Their fielding has been streets better than it was in India and their batting the most attractive of the tournament. Unless they find the West Indian fast bowlers too much for them (assuming West Indies beat Pakistan), they must have a real chance of repeating their unexpected victory in the 1983 World Cup.

While India were in the field yesterday England (most of them, anyway) were to be seen taking off for home. The success of Gower's side in India has been given extra dimension by India's progress here, just as India's will have brought a restoration of faith among their teeming supporters on the subcontinent. The game yesterday, like Saturday's against Australia, was being televised direct to India, with what effect on absenteeism I shudder to think.

New Zealand, put in by Gavaskar, lost Wright to the third ball of the match and McEwan in the sixth over. After that, until Cairns came in with only seven overs left, New Zealand batted as though they believed that in order to win they would need to score 200, no more. But at least in playing thus they used up all their overs, Snedden being last out off the last ball of the fiftieth over.

Crowe's was obviously an important wicket for India – Madan Lal had him caught at backward cover after he had scored nine on as many overs – not least because the batsman, who then pulled New Zealand's innings round, the left-handed Reid and Coney, are naturally cautious. Reid made 55 in 35 overs, Coney 33 in 21. In seven overs Cairns made 39. The Indians all bowled a length and by his field placing Gavaskar, like Howarth after him, showed that he had done his homework.



A two-run drive from Reid that leaves Viswanath empty-handed

When India went in, their innings was a triumph of its kind. After Srikkanth had been out hooking in the ninth over, there ensued a real dog-fight for the initiative. It contained the most absorbing cricket of the competition. Howarth's captaincy was as astute as Snedden's first five overs were unrelentingly restrictive. After 20 overs India were still only 46 for one, with Azharuddin beginning to fret. Azharuddin played a succession of flashing strikes straight to the fielders.

Though only 22, Shastri kept his head. He is fast becoming one of the game's best all-round cricketers. Coney's first over, the 22nd of the innings, yielded 10 welcome runs to India, but when Azharuddin was out to a fine running catch at mid-on by Coney off a skied hit, the match was far from won and lost, any more than it was when Hadlee returned and at once had Shastri caught.

I thought then that India, 102 for three after 30 overs, might panic; but all was decided in Hadlee's next over, Kapil batting, and Hadlee bowling, made a battle of the giants. Seventeen runs came off the over, 12 of them from Kapil.

Before long Vengsarkar was playing a succession of exquisite strokes and in only 11 overs India scored the last 104 runs they needed. A crowd of just over 16,000 were given their money's worth. As they are playing, India are not only good value to watch but at longish odds against them good value to back as well.

NEW ZEALAND:

J G Wright c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	0
P E McEwan c Viswanath b Binny	9
J F Reid c Kapil Dev b Shastri	55
M D Crowe c Azharuddin b Madan Lal	9
*G P Howarth run out	7
J V Coney b Shastri	33
†I D S Smith c Amarnath b Madan Lal	19
R J Hadlee c Madan Lal b Shastri	3
B L Cairns c Srikkanth b Madan Lal	39
M C Snedden c Azharuddin b Madan Lal	7
E J Chatfield not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 1, n-b 3)	25
Total (50 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS 1–0, 2–14, 3–52, 4–69, 5–119, 6–145, 7–151, 8–188, 9–206, 10–206.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-1-34-1; Binny 6-0-28-1; Madan Lal 8-1-37-4; Amarnath 7-0-24-0; Sivaramakrishnan 9-0-28-1; Shastri 10-1-31-3.

INDIA:

R J Shastri c McEwan b Hadlee	53
K Srikkanth c Reid b Chatfield	9
M Azharuddin c Coney b Cairns	24
D B Vengsarkar not out	63
Kapil Dev not out	54
Extras (b 1, lb 2, n-b 1)	4
Total (3 wkts, 43.3 overs)	207

*S M Gavaskar, M B Amarnath, †S Viswanath, Madan Lal, R M H Binny and L Sivaramakrishnan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–73, 3–102.

BOWLING: Cairns 9-0-35-1; Hadlee 8.3-3-50-1; Chatfield 10-0-38-1; Snedden 8-1-37-0; Coney 8-0-44-0.

No-balls and wides debited to bowlers' analyses.

Umpires: P McConnell and R French.

W Indies 'stale' worry

West Indies were meeting Pakistan in the second semi-final of the World Championship of Cricket in Melbourne today to decide who will meet India in the final at the same ground on Sunday. Today's losers will take on New Zealand in the plate final at Sydney on Saturday.

Although West Indies are favourites to win the competition, their captain, Clive Lloyd, has expressed his concern over their recent lack of match practice. In the competition so far West Indies have played only 88 overs, an abandoned match against New Zealand and a quick finish against Sri Lanka. Two batsmen, Richardson and Gomes, were injured against Sri Lanka last week.

On their way to the semi-finals Pakistan scored convincing wins over Australia and England but lost to India by six wickets. Whoever wins today a keenly contested final is assured: the rivalry between India and Pakistan is legion, the incentive for West Indies to avenge their defeat by India in the 1983 Prudential World Cup is enormous.

RUGBY UNION

Matthews is Irish cause for concern

By George Ace

Of the several Irish players injured in the match against France on Saturday, Matthews, the Ards flanker, is causing most concern as the selectors make their delayed announcements tomorrow of the team to face Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week.

Matthews injured a shoulder shortly after Spillane had to leave the field in the fifteenth minute with a jagged cut under his lower lip which required 10 stitches. Matthews said yesterday: "There is looseness in the shoulder joint, but the injury is mainly ligament and muscular. I now rate my chances as 50-50."

Spillane and Brandon Mullin, the Dublin University centre who missed last Saturday's game with a knee injury are expected to be fit. Anderson had an x-ray examination for some painful ribs but nothing is broken and, like MacNeill, who left the field at the interval for a pain-killing injection for a leg injury, he is available for selection.

The selectors may decide to leave Matthews No 6 position vacant until after the weekend. Naming a replacement will not be easy. Willie Duncan, the Malone and Ulster flank forward, who won two caps last season, is bound to come under consideration. Duncan is a better player on the blind side than he is in the open, where he played in his two international matches. The other blind-side flanker is Roan Kearney, of Wanderers and Leinster, who also has two caps, playing No 8 on his most recent appearance, against Australia last November.

Another area of concern is at full back, MacNeill did no have one of his better games on Saturday, but Cardiff is not the arena to blood a new full back. John Barry (Cork Constitution), a B international, would be his replacement.

● Willie John McBride is the new chairman of the Ulster selectors. He takes over from his fellow Irish selector, Jim Donaldson. Jim Davidson carries on as coach and a new selector is Harry McKibbin, son of H. R. McKibbin, a former president of the IRFU, and one of Ireland's representatives on the International Board.

● The Irish Rugby Union have been left off a list of sporting organizations receiving grants from the Dublin government because of their continuing links with South Africa. The Irish rugby authorities fell out with the Government in 1981 for going ahead with a controversial tour to South Africa, despite official opposition based on the issue of apartheid.

Durham aim to win for coach

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

During the past 10 years, only the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology (UWIST) has managed to interrupt the grip of Loughborough and Durham on the Universities Athletic Union championship. Loughborough are the current holders but Durham, who they meet in this season's final at Twickenham this afternoon, won between 1981 and 1983.

Durham, slightly surprised to find themselves at Twickenham after a comparatively indifferent domestic season, have an additional reason for wanting to win today. Ted Wood, their coach for the last 11 years, is expecting to retire from the post at the end of the season to devote more time to his job as Bursar to St Hild and St Bede college at the University.

Wood spent four years coaching Huddersfield before moving to Durham, where he has become one of the most respected figures in student rugby and, indeed, in coaching circles throughout the country.

There are four survivors from the 1983 Durham side, but only one of them, MacLeod, is in the pack where the strength of today's side is said to lie. However, McBain, the No 8, was a member of England's Under-23 squad last season, and their forwards will hope to provide sufficient ball to give Oti, the leading try scorer, some chances on the wing.

Loughborough, who last week beat Vipers to win the Leicestershire Cup have a sound side though the pack is not as big as last season. Reid last year's full back, has moved into the centre where he partners Burnhill.

The backs will want to play better than against Exeter in the semi-final.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: R Sykes (Beckfoot GS, Bingley); C Howard (Brockworth), S Burnhill (Woodhouse Grove), S Reid (Methodist College, Belfast), C James (Sedbergh), A Sutton (Llanishen HS), C Williams (Dicnfa GS); S Searby (St Dunstans College, Catford), A Rogerson (Batley GS, capt), S Heaver (Hampton), A Buchanan-Smith (Fettes), J Morrison (Wellington), A MacDonald (Gordonstoun), A Robinson (Richard Hulsh), A Sedgley (King Edward VI, Birmingham).
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: A Lennox (Dulwich), T Satchell (Queen Elizabeth, Barnet), A Hambley (Sedbergh), J Delaney (RGS, Guilford), C Oti (Millfield), J Riley (Uppingham), J Baxter (Ampleforth), A MacLeod (Emanuel), P Whelan (St Brendons, Bristol), A Mullins (Dulwich), R Davies (Millfield), M Colato (St Pauls), M McLeason (Arnold), J Keating (Sevenoaks, capt), N McBain (Ampleforth).
Referee: R Quinnerton (London).

St Mary's face stern test

By Gordon Allan

Charing Cross have never won the Hospitals' Cup but in tandem with Westminster, they have the chance to do it in the final against St Mary's the holders, at Rosslyn Park today. St Mary's have won the cup six times in the last seven years.

Charing Cross-Westminster make one change from the side who beat Royal Free in the semi-final: Pearson replaces Meades in the back row. Bain plays at No 8 for St Mary's. Jackson, who scored three tries from that position in the replayed final against Royal Free last year, has a hand injury. Enevoldson returns to the front row and Field a Kent Under-21 player, comes in at stand-off half for Miles.

St Mary's were lucky to beat Guy's in the semi-final. It will be surprising if they do not show a 50 per cent improvement today, but they may still have their work cut out to get the better of a well balanced Charing Cross-Westminster team.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL: J Miles; R Robinson, R Harvey, M Dixon, P Longden; A Field C Whitworth; R Bailey, M Kenny, P Enevoldson, P Horner, S Kemp, C Guest, C Hayward I Bain.
CHARING CROSS-WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL: P Greenway; A Bunting, C Hammersley, J Richards, A Murphy; J Farrar, M Cullinan; O Ogunbiy, J Gair, L Gould R Pearson, P Taylor, J Coppack, B Davies, A Stephenson.

Wales rivals to be partners

David Waters, the Newport lock who has been picked twice by Wales this season only to be denied a cap by the weather, is to play for the Barbarians in the annual Mobbs memorial match, sponsored by Carlsberg, against East Midlands at Northampton today (David Hands writes). He will partner Norster, whose place he would have taken in the Welsh side.

Several of the Irish players originally invited by the Barbarians have withdrawn after the gruelling game against France, so Morris, the new Welsh flanker, and Duncan, capped twice by Ireland last season, join the side which contains three uncapped players. Waters and Bowring in the pack and Metcalfe, the Moseley full back.

BARBARIANS: I Metcalfe (Moseley); M Titley (Bridgend), B Bowen (South Wales Police), P Dodge (Leicester), M Bailey (Wasps); I Burns (Wanderers), N Melville (Wasps); P Blakeway (Gloucester), H Harbison (Bective Rangers), I Stephens (Bridgend), M Morris (South Wales Police), D Waters (Newport), R Norster (Cardiff), W Duncan (Malone), K Bowring (London Welsh).

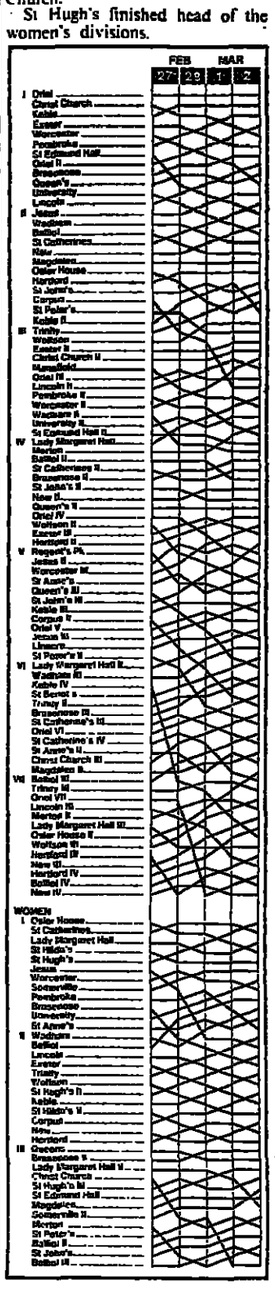
ROWING

Oriel hold on to headship of Torpids

By a Correspondent

Oriel retained the headship of the Oxford University Torpids on the Isis for the fourteenth consecutive year. Their domination was highlighted when their second eight moved up to fourth place in the first division after bumping Christ Church.

St Hugh's finished head of the women's divisions.

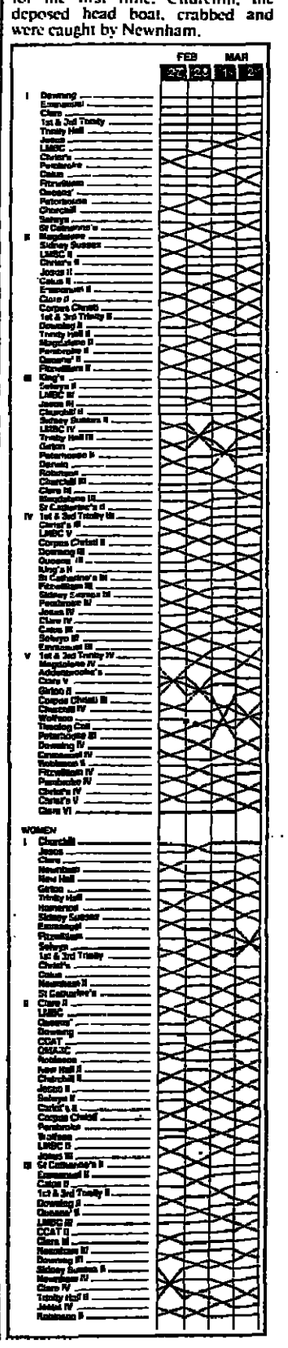


Five-length win for Downing

By a Correspondent

Downing took the Cambridge Lents headship for the second year in succession, finishing five lengths clear of Emmanuel. Pembroke and Lady Margaret second boat were the only other crews to run their oars in the men's first division.

Jesus took the women's headship for the first time. Churchill, the deposed head boat, crabbed and were caught by Newnham.



ATHLETICS

Security is promised in Antrim

Assurances about the safety of British athletes competing in the UK closed championships in Antrim on May 25 and 26 were given yesterday by Nicholas Scott, Parliamentary under-secretary at the Northern Ireland office. "I can understand the concern when people read about the events of the past week, but I would ask them not to make hasty decisions", he said.

"In recent years there has been a steady return of sporting activity to Northern Ireland and a steady decrease in the security problem. Nothing is closer to our hearts than the safety of our young athletes. We cannot be complacent, but we can say we shall take very good care of them."

Fatima Whitbread, Britain's javelin thrower, who is seeking her sixth successive UK title, said: "There is an element of security at many of the meetings in which athletes compete. It's up to us to get on with the job of competing."

Nigel Cooper, secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board who organized the championships, said: "We have never considered switching them to another venue."

Athletes have been offered new financial incentives to compete at Antrim in the form of bigger training subsidies for the first three in each event.

Greeks arrange second opinion

Athens (AP) – Five Greek athletes who are banned from last weekend's European Indoor Championships because they failed doping controls will undergo a new set of tests to be carried out on their samples in West Germany, a spokesman for the Greek Track Champions' Association said yesterday.

Another four Greek athletes also facing a lifelong ban on competing because they failed last week's doping tests at Athens asked for more tests to be done in Greece, the spokesman added. Several Greek athletes rejected the original charges as "ridiculous."

OLYMPIC GAMES

IOC will ban blood doping

Colorado Springs (AP) – Blood doping will be banned by the International Olympic Committee before the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, Prince Alexandre Demerode of Belgium, said on Monday. He added that the level of caffeine permitted in Olympic athletes was likely to be lower by 1988.

M Demerode's comments were made during a visit to the United States Olympic training centre. A handful of US cyclists used the controversial blood doping procedure during last summer's Games. It involves transfusions of blood to increase red blood cell levels, supposedly increasing an athlete's performance.

BOXING

Honeyghan progresses from rusks to risks

By Srikumar Sen,
Boxing Correspondent

From now on life could get tougher for Lloyd Honeyghan, of Bermondsey. He takes on an experienced Philadelphian, in Roger Stafford, tonight at the Albert Hall. Stafford has had 33 bouts, won 27, lost five and drawn one.

He has met two world champions, Milton McCrory and Don Curry. McCrory beat him on points but Curry stopped him in one round. That was Stafford's only inside-the-distance defeat and Curry is Curry.

After Stafford, Honeyghan cannot go back to rusks. Stafford, at 31, has clearly passed his best and, if Honeyghan's world title ambitions mean anything, he should not have too much trouble beating the American. It should prove a good warm-up for his European title defence, against Gilles Elbilia of France.

Stafford does, however, have a punch as he proved against the tough Mexican, Pipino Cuevas, he knocked the former world champion flat on his back in the second round, and had him out on his feet at the end.

That, of course, was in 1981. Stafford has also shown that he can pick himself up off the floor and come back strongly, but he tends to have a rather straight-forward attacking approach and, as a result, gets caught more often than can be good for him. Honeyghan should have little trouble punishing him with his precision two-handed attacks as the American comes forward.



Honeyghan: tougher test

Herol Graham should have little trouble seeing off José Rosemain, aged 29, from Martinique. With 15 bouts, 12 wins, two losses and a draw, Rosemain does not seem to have enough experience

Marsh nominated

Terry Marsh, the former Marine Commando who won the British light-welterweight title in September, has been nominated to meet Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, for the European title. The European Boxing Union have named April 26 as the closing date for private negotiations.

Pedroza in line for Warren bill

Eusebio Pedroza, the long established world featherweight champion from Panama, could appear in London in May – but not against the British contenders, Barry McGuigan or Pat Cowdell. McGuigan's management have indicated that their man will not box for promoter Frank Warren, and plans for Cowdell to challenge Pedroza will have to be shelved for the time being until the European junior lightweight champion acquires a ranking in the World Boxing Association's top 10.

On his return yesterday from Panama where he has been having talks with Pedroza's handlers Warren said: "Pedroza is under contract to fight for me and it would be a great chance for him to be seen here. In that event, I could give Cowdell an attractive fight on the undercard."

Cowdell's mandatory European junior lightweight defence against Jean Marc Renard, of Belgium, is now open to purse offers. He is already due to make a voluntary defence against Carlos Hernandez, of Spain, in Birmingham on March 16.

Warren moved in smartly to secure Pedroza's services, while McGuigan's manager, Barnes Eastwood accompanied rival promoter, Mickey Duff, to America in an attempt to arrange a world title contest with Pedroza, Azumah Nelson (WBC feather) or Rocky Lockridge (WBA junior lightweight).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-offs 7.30 unless stated.

European Cup
Quarter-finals
First legs
Austria Vienna v Liverpool (6.30)
Juventus v Sparta Prague
Bordeaux v Dnepropetrovsk (USSR)
Gothenburg v Panathinaikos (6.00)

European Cup Winners' Cup
Quarter-finals
First legs
Everton v Fortuna Sittard (Neth)
Larissa (Gr) v Dynamo Moscow (1.15)
Bayern Munich v Roma (7.00)
Dynamo Dresden v Rapid Vienna (4.00)

UEFA Cup
Quarter-finals
First legs
Manchester United v Videoton (Hun)
Tottenham H v Real Madrid (8.00)
Zeljeznicar (Yug) v Dynamo Minsk (4.30)
Inter Milan v Cologne

Milk Cup
Semi-final
Second leg
Norwich City (0) Ipswich (1)

FA Cup
Fifth round replays
Watford v Luton (7.45)
West Ham v Wimbledon

Second division
Brighton v Blackburn (7.45)

Third division
Bradford City v Preston N.E.
Derby v Walsall
Lincoln v Millwall
Reading v Gillingham (postponed)

Fourth division
Chester v Crewe
Hereford v Bury
Mansfield v Aldershot

Scottish first division
Ayr v St Johnstone

Scottish second division
Alloa v Stranraer
East Sterling v Queen of the South
Raith Rovers v Stenhousemuir
Stirling Albion v Cowdenbeath

GOLA LEAGUE: Maidstone v Worcester.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Witton Albion.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Newcastle United v Coventry City; Stoke v West Bromwich. Postponed: Aston Villa v Manchester United.
Second division: Doncaster Rovers v Oldham Athletic (7.0); Grimsby v Port Vale; Scunthorpe United v Hull City; Wigan Athletic v Blackpool; York City v Burnley (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Birmingham City (7.0); Millwall v Crystal Palace (2.0); Oxford United v Chelsea.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Eaton Bray United v Dunstable (at Barton Rovers).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division, South: Feltham v Eastbourne United.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Chelmsford. Midland division: Sutton Coldfield v Coventry Sporting.
BILL DELLOW CUP: Semi-final, first leg: VS Rugby v Cheltenham Town.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Chatteris v Histon; Soham v March.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League B XI v London Insurance FA (Bowrings FC, Lea, 3.30).
MORRITT HOMES CAPITAL LEAGUE: Dagenham v Orient.
KENT SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Welling United v Fisher Athletic.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Colliers Row v Pennant; Edgware v Brimsdown Rovers.

RUGBY UNION

U.A.U. FINAL: Durham v Loughborough (at Twickenham 3.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Aberdare v Penarth (7.0); Bristol v Llanelli (7.15); Cambridge Univ v Keio University (Japan) at Grange Road (3.0); East Midlands v Barbarians, at Northampton (2.30); Ebbw Vale v Newport (7.0); Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15); Rugby v RAF (4.0); Swansea v Bridgend (7.0).
HOSPITALS CUP: Finals: St Mary's v Charing Cross-Westminster (Rosslyn Park, 2.45).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Barclays Bank v Lloyds Insurance; United Banks v Middlesex (Bank of England, Roehampton, 3.0).

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENT: Inter-Services Championships (Alexandra Park, Portsmouth).
ATARI LONDON LEAGUE: Hawks v Oxford University (2.45); London University v Chesm (4.15).
FRIENDLY: Cambridge University v Cambridge City.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bracknell Pirates v John Carr Doncaster (7.30); Poundstretcher Hemel/Watford Royals v Walkers Crisps Leicester (7.30); Sperring Solent Stars v Kingscraft (Kingston (8.0). Second division: CAD Tower Hamlets v Team Telecom Colchester (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland v Whitley (8.30); Dundee v Fife Flyers (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Thames Valley Harriers open graded meeting (West London Stadium, 6.45).
CROSS COUNTRY: East Anglian League (RAF Watnsham).
REAL TENNIS: University match: Oxford v Cambridge (Queen's Club).

Lucky 13

Cambridge University include 13 of the side that beat Oxford in the university match last December for their final game of the season against Keio University at Grange Road today. The players missing are the captain, Mark Bailey, due to play for the Barbarians against the East Midlands, and the prop forward, Paul Williamson.

Beeby's offer

Matthew Beeby, aged 22, a local fast bowler, has been offered a one-year contract by Northamptonshire after making three appearances in the second XI championship last summer.

ICE SKATING

Soviet couples battle for Torvill and Dean's title

Tokyo (Reuter). – The favourites in the ice dance, Natalia Bestemianov and Andrei Bukin from Moscow, took the lead after the compulsories in the world championships here yesterday.

Eight of the nine judges placed the top Soviet couple first. The United States judge preferred their colleagues, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, who won the majority vote for second place.

But the highlight of the contest was the strong showing by the United States champions, Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, who held off the rest for the third place. Appropriately enough, it was a spirited performance of the Yankee Polka, the second dance, that took Blumberg and Seibert away from Tracy Wilson and Robert McCall, of Canada, their main rivals.

Petra Born and Rainer Schönborn, of West Germany, were fifth, just ahead of the British couple, Karen Barber and Nicky Slater, who will need to pull out something special in the next stage of the contest today, the original set pattern dance, to get near the medals.

Brilliant skating inthe short programme by Alexander Fadeyev, of the Soviet Union, increased his lead over Josef Sabovcik, of Czechoslovakia, in the men's competition.

Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Markarov, of the Soviet Union, took full advantage of their rivals' errors to pull ahead after the pairs short programme. Their dynamic performance pushed the title favourites and Olympic champions, Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev, into second place, after Valova failed to produce the required double lutz.

ICE DANCE (after compulsory dances): 1, N Bestemianova and A Bukin (USSR), 0.6pts; 2, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 1.2; 3, J Blumberg and M Seibert (US), 1.8; 4, T Wilson and R McCall (Can), 2.4; 5, P Born and R Schönborn (WG), 3.0; 6, K Barber and N Slater (GB), 3.6; 7, N Annenko and G Sretenski (USSR), 4.2; 8, I Michell and R Pelizzola (It), 4.8; 9, K Beck and C Beck (Austria), 5.4; 10, K Garossino and R Garossano (Can), 6.0. Other British placings: 16, S Jones and P Askham, 9.6.

MEN (overall positions after short programme): 1, A Fadeyev (USSR), 1.0 pts; 2, J Sabovcik (Czech), 2.4; 3, B Orser (Can), 3.2; 4, Boitano (US), 4.6; 5, V Kotin (USSR), 5.8; 6, G Filipowski (Pol), 6.6; 7, H Fischer (WG), 8.0; 8, F Fedronic (Fr), 9.0; 9, R Zander (WG), 11.0; 10, Askesson (Swe), 11.4. British placings: 22, S Pickavance, 21.8.

PAIRS (after short programme: 1, L Selezneva and O Makarov (USSR), 0.4; 2, V Valova and O Vasilyev (USSR), 0.8; 3, K Matousek and L Eisler (Can), 1.2; 4, C Coull and M Rowsom (Can), 1.6; 5, V Pershina and M Akbarov (USSR), 2.0; 6, J Watson and P Oppegard (US), 2.4; 7, M Kunhegyi and L Johnston (Can), 2.8; 8, M Landraf and I Stever (EG), 3.2; 9, N Seybold and W Seybold (US), 3.8; 10, C Massari and D Caprano (WG), 4.0.

BADMINTON

England team pairings row

England have delayed choosing half their team for the world championships in Canada because ofa disagreement over doubles pairings. The selectors cannot agree whether English players should be allowed to partner competitors from other countries at the championships, in Calgary from June 12 to 16.

Thomas Kihlström, of Sweden, and Billy Gilliland, of Scotland, want to partner English players in the mixed doubles, but several selectors oppose the move because it would reduce the number of home competitors making the trip.

Nora Perry, of England, won the world mixed doubles title with Kihlstrom in Copenhagen two years ago.

TEAM: S Baddeley, N Yates, St Butler, D Hall, Dew, A Goode, N Tier.

EQUESTRIANISM

Change of luck for Lemieux

By Jenny MacArthur

Robert Lemieux, the Olympic reserve rider, has received one of the largest sponsorships for a three-day-event rider in Britain by signing a £25,000 contract with Beefeater Steakhouses. The contract is initially for one year, with an option to extend it for two.

"The sponsorship means I can now operate in a different league", Lemieux said from his home in Surrey. "There need be no cutting corners in training." He is going to Lars Sederholm at Waterstock in Oxfordshire every other week to help with cross-country riding.

It is welcome change of luck for Lemieux, who lost his sponsor in November.

CYCLING

Peiper no longer calls the tune

From John Wilcockson
St Trivier-sur-Moignans

Allan Peiper was a disappointed man yesterday after losing the leadership of the Paris-Nice race in confusing fashion. Overnight, the Australian held a 10-seconds lead over the French champion, Laurent Fignon, but there was an announcement by the judges after the stage start, that Bert Oosterbosch, of the Panasonic-Raleigh team, had been given back the 13 seconds he had been debited with on Monday. This restored the tall, flame-haired Dutchman to second place overall, only one second behind Peiper.

Strangely, the judge's decision was not relayed to Peiper by his French team manager, so when Oosterbosch broke clear of the leading group in the final four kilometres of the 188-kilometres second stage, Peiper's team did not chase. "There were attacks all day," Peiper said, "and we were just chasing everybody. It was very hard."

With Oosterbosch in his late attack were Frits Pirard, another Dutch rider, and a Frenchman, Marc Madiot, the team colleague of Fignon. Madiot won the stage with a typical finishing surge from Oosterbosch, after Pirard had made his effort too early. The sprint for fourth place, eight seconds later, was taken by the first stage winner, Eddy Planckaert, with Sean Kelly in sixth place.

"I was riding much better today. My form is coming," said Kelly, who was sitting in the front seat of his team car after the stage.

"I rode hard so nobody could attack," Kelly said. His acceleration split the bunch into four parts, and it was not until 30 kilometres later that the first three groups merged. At this point, the former world pursuit champion, Alain Bondue, of France, counter-attacked sharply, and when he possessed a one minute lead it seemed that he was destined to win the stage and the overall leadership. But an untimely puncture and a concerted chase by Peiper's Peugeot team brought the Frenchman to heel just six kilometres for the end.

STAGE TWO (Dole to St Trivier-sur-Moignans, 188km): 1, M Madiot (Fr), 4hr 43min 0sec; 2, B Oosterbosch (Neth), same time; 3, F Pirard (Neth), at 4sec; 4, E Planckaert (Bel), at 8sec; 5, J Van Poppel (Neth), same time; 6, S Kelly (Ireland), same time. Overall placings: 1, Oosterbosch, 10hr 34min 40sec; 2, A Peiper (Aus), at 12sec; 3, L Fignon (Fr), at 22sec; 4, S Roche (Ire), at 25sec; 5, J vandenbroucke (Bel), at 27sec; 6, P Anderson (Aust), at 27sec.

Downs rides in Sealink race

Bob Downs, who won the Sealink International race in 1980, will ride in this year's event after all. The organizers have decided to increase the size of the field from 61 to 66 competitors by adding a professional composite team which, in addition to Downs, will include last season's national amateur road race champion, Neil Martin, from Tamworth.

Last year's runner-up, Tony Doyle, beaten by a second overall by Malcolm Elliot, will ride as a guest for the Ever Ready-Marlborough team. His colleagues will include Graham Jones, of Manchester, making his first British stage race appearance after nine years on the Continent. The race begins in Rotherham on April 15 and finishes at Kirkby on April 20.

HOCKEY

Deadlock as teams run out of time

By Sydney Friskin

The Army	3
Royal Air Force	3

(after extra-time)

The Services match at Portsmouth yesterday between The Army and the Royal Air Force was undecided despite extra-time. There was no time for penalty strokes because the artificial turf pitch had been booked by a football club who were eager to get on with their own match.

The rules of the tournament require an outright winner for each fixture but the committee decided to leave their decision on the matter until after today's match between The Army and the Royal Navy.

The Army took control of the match in the 25th minute when Wood, who was luing in the goalmouth, deflected a shot by Jennings from a short cornerinto goal. Three minutes later, Rodgers picked up free hit near the 25-yard line and ran through on his own to score a well-taken goal.

From about mid-way through the second half, the RAF launched their counter offensive and Hart started their revival with a snap goal in the 75th minute after picking up a weak clearance. Clinton brought the scores level two minutes later, with a clever angled shot, and Lee converted a penalty stroke to give thm the lead. The award was made after Musson had saved from Bosworth but Shuttleworth, in attempting to save the rebound, was penalised for obstruction.

With barely three minutes to go, Pappin in the RAF goal lost out to Gordon and conceded a short corner, from which Jennings cleverly scooped the ball high into the net to send the match into extratime.

ARMY: Cpl M Musson (RAPC); Sgt C Peach (RAPC), Lt P Shuttleworth (Lt), Staff Sgt M Downey (RE), Maj S M R Eagan (RE), Lt A Scopes (RE), Capt C Wood (RE, capt), Staff Sgt F Rodgers (RAPC), Lt N Gordon (RA); L/Cpl I P Jennings (Para), Lt M Banham (RHA).
RAF: Fg Offr V Pappin; Fg Offr R Begnall, LAC P Hart, Cpl M Dykes, Cpl M Luffman, Cpl A Lee, Fg Offr J Cass, Sgt I Clinton (Capt), Flt Lt A Hadley, Sgt G Bosworth, Fg Offr P Morris.
Umpires: WO M Rickett and Sgt J Patel (Combined Services).

Jetharts Here a sound bet over his best distance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Now that he is running again over what is arguably his best trip, Jetharts Here looks a good bet to win the Peter Vaux Memorial Trophy for George Renilson, his owner and trainer, at Catterick Bridge today. It was over this course and distance that he was last successful but that was 15 months ago.

More recently Jetharts Here has been tried over three and a half miles and each time he has appeared not to last it out, initially against Solo Sam in the Grand National trial at Catterick in February and more recently in a good race at Kelso dominated by Righthand Man and Peaty Sandy.

It was over today's course and distance that Jetherarts Here ran the Catterick specialist, Blue Reef, to half a length in December. Blue Reef is back again and now trying for his fifth consecutive victory over the Yorkshire course. Circumstances point to him having it all to do under top weight. First he has ot had a race for nearly three months and second he will be meeting my selection on 5lbs worse terms.

Silent Valley would be hard to beat at his best. The same applies to Imperial Black, who will be meeting Blue Reef on vastly better terms than when they clashed on the course in November. However, Silent Valley has not run for a long time while Imperial Black seems to have gone off the boil judged on the tame way he gave in at Nottingham recently.

Powder Horn, penalized for her recent win at Doncaster, is not without a chance, but in this instance I think everything points to Jetharts Here giving his backers a good run.

Golden Ty will start at very short odds for the R.M.C. Group Novices' Hunters' Chase and deservedly so because his form is working out so well. After running such a splendid race against Corked at Doncaster he then turned out only three days laster at Nottingham and beat City Boy Prominent King, and Hot Fever by 10 lenghts. For a novice that was some performance. Francis Lee, the former England footballer, is clearly enjoying himself training the few jumpers that he owns at his home near Wilmslow. He was estatic after Miramac had won at Ludlow recently and today he could have cause to celebrate again if Water Cannon wins the Hornby Novices Hurdle. A winner three times on the flat for Jeremy Hindley, Water Cannon began his jumping career on a promising note at Haydock Park last Friday when he was runner-up to Rhoecus, albeit beaten 15 lengths.

Mountain Hays will not have to have improved much since he ran Mossy Moor to two lengths to take the Newby Handicap Chase at the expense of Birsby, who went under by only a short head to Troilena at Wetherby last week.

At Bangor the best bet on what is a poor card could easily be Hillingdon Boy to win the Gredington Hunters' Chase for a second time. Numerate ought to be hrd to beat in the Wrexham Novices' Chase.

Course specialists

CATTERICK

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 18 winners from 69 runners, 26.1%; J Fitzgerald 12 from 78, 15.4%; Denys Smith 10 from 83, 12.0%.
JOCKEYS: R Earnshaw 9 winners from 39 rides, 23.1%; M Dwyer 7 from 39, 17.9%; C Pimlott 20 from 128, 15.9%.

BANGOR

TRAINERS: G Richards 11 winners from 29 runners, 37.9%; Mrs M Rimell 12 from 60, 20.0%; C Edwards 9 from 47, 19.1%.
JOCKEYS: P Warner 5 winners from 26 rides, 20%; S Morshead 11 from 59, 18.6%; P Scudamore 8 from 56, 14.3%.

Dickinson's Festival hand could clinch title

By Christopher Goulding

Mrs Monica Dickinson, the Harewood trainer, will be represented next week at Cheltenham by 10 runners, her first at the Festival. In previous years the Dickinson horses were trained by her husband, Tony, then her son, Michael, took control, and made history at the Prestbury course when he saddled the first five home in the 1983 Gold Cup.

Women have already won the premier races at Cheltenham, Mercy Rimell the Champion Hurdle and Mrs Pitman the Gold Cup; but with 10 fancied runners Mrs Dickinson could become the first woman to be champion trainer. At the moment Mrs Dickinson heads the table for prize-money this season, having totalled over £116,000.

On the first day of the Festival Mrs Dickinson expects to run Rhoecus in the Waterford Crystal Novices' Hurdle, Browne's Gazette (Champion Hurdle), Brunton Park (Kim Muir Chase), State Case (Arkle Trophy Chase). On the second day she will be represented by A Sure Row (Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle) and Badsworth Boy (Queen Mother Champion Chase). On the final day Wayward Lad and Righthand Man go for the Gold Cup. Prince Rowan and By The Way run in the Ritz Club

Drumadowney goes for gold

Tim Forster hinted yesterday that his exciting novice, Drumadowney, will run in the Tote Gold Cup rather than the Sun Alliance Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. Forster, who has sent out the former Irish-trained gelding to win his last four races, said: "I think he'll run in the Gold Cup."

The Wantage trainer plans a five-horse raid on the big meeting. Saturday's Newbury winner, Western Sunset, the mount of Hywel Davies, will accompany the mare, Misty Fort (Richard Dunwoody), in the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup on Wednesday. Romany Nightshade (Davies) and Lemak City (Dunwoody) go for Tuesday's Grand Annual Challenge Corals yesterday reported heavy support for Drumadowney for the Gold Cup and now make the gelding a 14-1 chance from 20-1. Forgive 'N Forget has been laid to lose £25,000 by Ladbrokes at 16-1 for the same race and is now quoted at 14-1.

Jarvis has winning pedigree

Newmarket's newest and youngest trainer is William Jarvis and, if breeding and family knowhow mean anything, it must be a good bet that the 24-year-old son of Ryan and Jean Jarvis will make a success of his chosen career just as his many relatives have done in the past.

William is a member of the famous Waugh-Butters-Jarvis family which has historical roots in Newmarket dating back to the middle of the last century. When ill-health forced Ryan to retire at the end of 1979 after holding a licence for 43 years it was as though a dynasty had come to an end. No member of the family was training there any more. But after spending six years learning the trade, first in Australia with Tommy Smith and George Hanlon, and then with Henry Cecil at Newmarket, William Jarvis's decision to follow the family calling and set up shop at Phantom House has restored the link to the delight of more than just the historians.



William Jarvis: will begin his first season with 40 horses and an impressive list of owners

Good impression

Jarvis will begin the coming Flat season with 40 horses in his care, 36 more than his father began with in 1936. While he was working for Henry Cecil, William made a good impression on those he encountered in his role as assistant trainer at Warren Place. Lord Howard de Walden, Sheikh Mohammed, Lord Tavistock, Jim Joel, Souren Vanian and Guy Sangster have all decided to give youth a chance and send him horses.

Of those who had horses in training with Ryan Jarvis, Lord Fairhaven, the next senior steward of the Jockey Club, Mrs F. G. Allen, Richard Green, and Lord Matthews have also been quick to rally to the new standard bearer of the Jarvis family flag. William is grateful to Doris Allen is particular because she had demonstrated her faith in him by sending four horses. "She really has been a great inspiration", he says.

Two of that quartet, Jean's Choice and Retrieve, stand out. Jean's Choice looks particularly racy and there will be emotional scenes if this grey colt by Godswalk out of that fast mare, Her Grace, does well, because he has been named in memory of Jarvis's mother, who died last year. Over the years Jean Jarvis was a constant source of strength to her husband, and a marvellous adviser on bloodstock to Doris Allen. It was she who brought Adonijah for her when he was a two-year-old.

Jean's Choice looks as though he will come to hand pretty early, just as Provideo, another by Godswalk, did last year. In fact, he looks a Royal Ascot type. Retrieve, an improving bay colt by the English 2,000 guineas winner, High Top, out of the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, Front Row, will take a bit more time; but if looks, physique and conformation mean anything, he would have fetched a pretty penny had he been submitted for sale at Tattersalls last autumn. I shall be surprised if we are not hearing his name mentioned favourably come July.

Jarvis is aware that he has been more fortunate than some young men starting out, because he has not had to go and find a stable and then equip it. His father's was waiting for him. However, like most newcomers, he has still to go out and get owners, horses and staff.

When Ryan Jarvis retired, his staff dispersed. Eric Campbell, his head lad, went to work for Robert Williams and Brian Parry, the travelling head lad, to Robert Armstrong, for whom he was lucky enough to look after that crack sprinter, Mouresyle. Now, at their own instigation, they are both back in their "old jobs".

Jarvis's mother was a daughter of Tom Hall, and a niece of Sam and Charlie Hall, all three Yorkshire trainers of renown. So with his father also doing consistently well, Jarvis grew up in precisely the right environment. Front Row, the dam of Retrieve, gave Ryan Jarvis his solitary classic victory when she won the Irish 1,000 Guineas in 1968. But in training success is not necessarily measured by the number of classics you win because so much depends on the type of horse a trainer is sent to prepare.

Great cunning

In the twilight of his career, Ryan Jarvis also excelled with Absalom, a grey sprinter who won group races at two, three and four years and is now doing well at stud. Lomond's victory in the Ebor, Miss Petard's win in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the respective careers of Costantia, Smokey Eyes, Cardington King, Minch, and Royal Match, were other eloquent examples of Ryan's skill. In particular I recall Royal Match being placed with great cunning to win seven races in 1976.

Ryan himself was a son of William Jarvis, who trained for the Royal Family from 1924 to 1942, and a nephew of Basil Jarvis and Sir Jack Jarvis. Like their father, Bill, before them, they all made huge contributions to the history of both Newmarket and racing as a whole.

Young William has a lot to live up to. It is a challenge that he relishes.

Michael Phillips

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good to firm

2.15 HORNBY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £791: 2m) (20 runners)

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6	000000	KING'S HOLT (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 6-11-3	Miss T Waggott	7
7	0034p0	LUCKY FEN (Mrs H Ballard) K Stone 5-11-3	A Brown	
8	0-0	ROTATE (W Murray) W Murray 5-11-3	B Storey	
9	00-000p	ROYAL GLOW (I Robden) R Gray 5-11-3	J Allen	
10	0	RURAL SCENE (Mrs F Watson) F Watson 5-11-3	Mr J Watson	
11	0300	TANA'S PERFORMANCE (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 5-11-3	C Hawkins	
14	90/	DERWENT RIVER (J Hurst) J Hurst 5-10-12	D Dutton	
15	f	GREY LIL (T Ewing) R Allan 5-10-12	J Hansen	4
16		LONDON BLITZ (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 5-10-12	P A Farrell	7
17	00	AROUND TOWN (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 4-10-9	T Thompson	7
18	0	CAPTAIN VIGILANTE (D Young) S Leadbetter 4-10-9	M Barnes	
19	300/	GAINVILLE LAD (L Dickinson) F Gibson 4-10-9	J K Kinane	
20	000	HOMETOWN (M Stirke) J FitzGerald 4-10-9	M Dwyer	
22	p00	SQUIRES GOLD (M Dickinson) M Dickinson 4-10-9	J A Harris	
24		TURN AND FLY (J Henderson) B Wilkinson 4-10-9	Mr G Harker	7
25	2	WATER CANNON (F Lee) F Lee 4-10-9	S Holland	
26	002	HALF ASLEEP (N Hetherton) W Stasy 4-10-4	P A Charlton	

1984: All Night Long 5-10-13 J Golding (14-1) Miles Z Green 17 ran.

9-4 Water Cannon, 3 Half Asleep, 9-2 Conscription, 6 Gennaro, 8 Lucky Fen, 10 Rural Scene,

FORM: CONSCRIPTION, unplaced 2m 5f last time, previously (10-10) beat Mr Quick (10-10) 12l at Nottingham (2m Nov hdle, £558, good to soft, Dec 22, 12 ran). GENNARO (10-5) 7th of 11 to Try To Remember (11-10) at Uttoxeter (2m 1f h'cap hdle, £1301, good to soft, Dec 8). RURAL SCENE (11-8) 6l 4th of 5 finishers to Browne's Gazette (12-1) at Kelso (2m hdle, £2001, soft, Feb 28). HALF ASLEEP (10-9) 5l 2nd of 18 to Taslos (10-12) at Kelso (2m Nov hdle, £691, soft, Feb 28), with CAPTAIN VIGILANTE (10-12) 11th. GAINVILLE LAD (10-10) 22l 4th of 16 to Humberside Lady (10-10) at Market Rasen last Saturday (2m Nov hdle, £2526, good). WATER CANNON (10-9) 15l 2nd of 19 to Rhoecus (11-10) at Haydock last Friday (2m hdle, £1086, good to soft).
Selection: WATER CANNON

Catterick selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Water Cannon. 2.45 Socher. 3.15 JETHARTS HERE (nap). 3.45 Golden Ty. 4.15 Dan The Miller. 4.45 Mountain Hays. 5.15 Tors.

2.45 RUDBY SELLING HURDLE (4-y-o: £618: 2m) (14)

1	p	CIRCUMSPECT (Mrs G Watford) D Chapman 11-0	Mr T Watford	
3	0	HABAT'S MELODY (M Vaughan) I Vickers 11-0	C Grant	
4	00	IN THE BREEZE (R Comerford) R Thinler 11-0	N Thinler	
5		JEFFREY GRAHAM (C Lancaster) Miss S Hall 11-0	K Taylan	4
6	0p	JUST SPUD (J Smith) J Smith 11-0	P Tuck	
7	00000	MAHOGANY HALL (Mrs G Bartle) Mrs G Bartle 11-0	K Wryte	
8	0044	MOON MELODY (D Marshall) Ron Thompson 11-0	Jayne Thompson	7
9		NIGHT TRAIN (R Hague) G Moore 11-0	C Pimlott	
10		QUALITY PRINCE (Mrs A Craig) T Craig 11-0	M Ennis	
12	000	WOODPECKER BOY (Mrs B Boland) J FitzGerald 11-0	P Holmes	4
14	0p0	DAWN LADY (G Brown) D Chapman 10-9	S Keightley	
15	0p0	KUWAIT TAXI (B) (R Robinson) W Storey 10-9	K Jones	
17	0	MISS RAPID (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-9	R Lamb	
18	-0	ROSE D'ANJOU (Regent Decorators) J Johnson 10-9		-
19	0000	SOCHER (H Richardson) A Ingham 10-9	J Hansen	4

1984: Mount Rule 4-11-0 O P A Charlton (4-6 fav) N Thinler 11 ran.

5-2 Woodpecker Boy, 7-2 Miss Rapid, 9-2 In The Breeze, 11-2 Moon Melody, 8 Just Spud, 12 Jeffery Graham, Socher, 20 others.

FORM: MOON MELODY (10-2) 32l 4th of 17 to Kano Hill (10-10) at Carlisle (2m 1f soft h'cap hdle, £594, soft, Feb 5).
Selection: MOON MELODY

3.15 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY (HANDICAP CHASE) (£2,506: 3m 300yd) (10)

1	421111	BLUE REEF (CD) (E Cottingwood-Cameron) W A Stephenson 10-11-10	Mr P J Dun	
2	34pp-04	SILENT VALLEY (J Watby) I Jordan 12-11-7	T G Dun	
3	2P33p	IMPERIAL BLACK (B) (CD) (F Webster) N Crump 9-11-6	C Hawkins	
4	44-443p	DOOR STEP (J Horgan) J FitzGerald 9-10-13	M Dwyer	
5	500-p02	CANTON (S Green) N Crump 11-10-12	D Wilkinson	
6	022-003	WORTHY HEIRESS (CD) (E Robson) E Robson 10-10-8	C Pimlott	
7	0-F3f41	POWDER HORN (C) (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 8-10-8 (4 ex)	R Earnshaw	
10	032/2P	JETHARTS HERE (CD) (G Renilson) G Renilson 11-10-5	S Charlton	
14	0o1b	LITTLE WEDGE (CD) (Mrs A Tomkinson) Mrs A Tomkinson 6-10-0	Mr M Bowersley	7
15	00-03f1	SPRINGWOOD (A Eubank) A Eubank 8-10-0	J Goulding	

1984: Solo Sam 12-8-7 P A Farrell (50-1) R Brewis 10 ran.

11-8 Blue Reef, 4 Canton, 5 Powder Horn, 6 Springwood, 10 Silent Valley, 12 Door Step, 16 others.

FORM: BLUE REEF (11-0) beat JETHARTS HERE (10-0) ½l over course and distance (£2,026, good, Dec 19, 6 ran), with DOOR STEP (10-8) 16l away 4th. SILENT VALLEY (11-7) 14l 4th of 10 to Hardy Lad (11-29 at Newcastle (3m h'cap ch, £2,560, Heavy, Nov 17), when CANTON (10-5) pulled up CANTON last time, (10-7) 7l 2nd of 7 to Kumbi (11-7) at Haydock (3m 4f h'cap ch, £2,895, good, Dec 13). WORTHY HEIRESS (11-8) 16½l 3rd of 9 to Katie Bourne (10-5) at Ayr (3m 6f h'cap hdle, £958, good to soft, Feb 9). POWDER HORN (10-0) beat Stand Back (10-7) 21½l at Doncaster (2m 4f h'cap ch, £2,215, firm, Feb 25, 8 ran). SPRINGWOOD (11-4) beat Ice Hill (11-4) 6l at Ayr (3m Nov ch, £1,271, good to soft, Feb 6, 10 ran).
Selection: POWDER HORN

3.45 R M C GROUP NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: 3m 300yd) (11)

1	41-1u21	GOLDEN TY (V Hall) V Hall 7-12-5	A Orkney	7
3	0	BALLINAPARKA (A Beaty) A Beaty 11-11-9	Miss A Stokell	7
4	3004-0	BAWNEEN (Lady Renwick) Lady Renwick 11-11-9	P Dennis	7
7	0	FLASH DEAL (Mrs B Yeadon) Mrs B Yeadon 8-11-9	Miss A Beaumont	7
8	363/p1-	GALLEUNI (Mrs T Donaldson) Mrs T Donaldson 8-11-9	J Walton	
9	0342/4	LOMBARDY STAR (M H Easterby) M H Easterby 8-11-9	T Easterby	
11	4/4-02	MORETON (D Brown) D Brown 11-11-9	A Rabore	7
12	p1/0-	OFFICERS REJECT (Mrs J Beaby) Mrs J Beaby 12-11-9	C Beaby	
16	p	VULGANS GAZETTE (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 7-11-9	P J Dun	
17	24f-	ZANLANDER (Miss P Willis) Miss P Willis 10-11-9	N Tutty	7
20	0004/0-	SATINANA (Mrs F Walton) F Watton 7—11-4		-

1984: no corresponding race.

7-4 Golden Ty, 4 Lomberdy Star, 9-2 Flash Deal, 6 Moreton, 8 Zanlander, 12 Vulgans Gazette, Bawneen, 20 others.

FORM:
3.45 GOLDEN TY, (12-0) won 10l clear of City Boy (12-8) at Nottingham (2m 6f ch, £1131, good, Feb 28, 12 ran). MORETON (10-10) 15l runner-up to Brother Jack (11-2) at Wetherby, LOMBARDY STAR (11-2) 25l away 4th (having his first race for 2 years) and BAWEEN (11-9) last of 8 finishers (2m ch, £965, good to firm, Feb 27, 11 ran). PANEGYRIST, (11-9) 24½l 8th of 10 to Cheeks Chief (12-0) at Ayr (5m ch, £1192, good, Apr 18, 10 ran). ZANLANDER, (11-12) beaten 4l in 3rd behind Warninde (12-1) at Wetherby (3m ch, £1202, firm, Apr 24, 5 ran).
Selection: GOLDEN TY.

4.15 HORNBY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £798: 2m) (21)

1	422433	AMADIS (J Airton) T Barron 5-11-3	S Charlton	
4	202200	BULLOX (J Park) Denys Smith 5-11-3	D Leadbetter	7
5		DAN THE MILLER (Mrs M Heggess) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-3	R Earnshaw	
7	0	ESCAPIST (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-11-3	Mr N Waggott	7
8		GUISBOROUGH TOWN (A Duffield) G Calvert 5-11-3	A Stringer	
9	0	PORTSIDE (B Otter) J FitzGerald 5-11-3	M Dwyer	
10	0400	PRINCE SWEET (G Richards) G Richards 5-11-3	S Holland	
11	624204	PRIVATE LABEL (F Lee) F Lee 5-11-3		-
13	p0p	ROYAL MERLIN (E Lobo) W Pearce 5-11-3		-
16	00218	SOCIA (Bousfield Joinery) J Parkes 4-11-0		-
17	4010	TRIBORELLE (D) (T Chandler) Ron Thompson 4-11-0	Jayne Thompson	7
19		HAPPY ALWAYS (I Jordon) I Jordon 5-10-12	T G Dun	
21	28	LUXURY (M Walsh) E Carr 9-10-12		-
23		DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE (J Coxon) E Weymes 4-S Keightley		-
24	440	HALF SHAFT (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-10-8	R Lamb	
25	p	JOHNNY FRENCHMAN (R Bainbridge) A Watson 4-10-8	M Pepper	
27	0	QUALITY CHORISTER (Quality Castings) R Champion 4-10-9	G McCourt	
28	200	RABIRRUS (B Thexton) Denys Smith 4-10-9	C Grant	7
29		SEYL (Mrs R Gibson) F Gibson 4-10-9	R Balfour	7
31	2	THE CLOWN (G Greenwood) M Naughton 4-10-9		-
33	300p03	QUALITAIR PRINCESS (B) (Qualitair Engineering) K Stone 4-10-4	D Dutton	

1984: Meldreur 5-10-13 R O'Leary (13-2) J FitzGerald 17 ran.

11-10 Dan The Miller, 6 Luxury, 7 The Clown, 8 Half Shaft, 10 Joca, 12 Ribobella, Portside,

Form: AMADIS (11-0) 33rd to Jonhard (11-10) at Doncaster (2m hdle, £1,912, firm, Feb 25, 15 ran). PORTSIDE (11-0) back in 7th. DAN THE MILLER is the winner of bumpers events at Mallow (June) and Roscommon (July). PRIVATE LABEL (11-0) 11l 4th to Meningi (11-9) at Catterick (2m hdle, £779, firm, Feb 9, 20 ran). LUXURY (10-12) 7th to Swingit Gunner (10-13) at Doncaster, earlier (10-9) 6l runner-up to Amber Heights (11-0) at Catterick (2m hdle, £991, good to soft, Dec 31, 15 ran). RABIRRUS (10S12) 12l 6th to Taslos at Kelso, HALF SHAFT (10-12) back in 7th (2m hdle, £882, Feb 28, 18 ran). THE CLOWN (10-7) neck runner-up to Try To Stop Me (11-7) at Wetherby, QUALITAIR PRINCESS (10-2) 21 away 3rd and RIBOBELLE (10-9) 5l away 6th (2m hdle, £748, good to firm, Feb 25, 21 ran).
Selection: THE CLOWN.

4.45 NEWBY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,184: 2m) (4)

2	020032	MOUNTAIN HAYS (D) (BF) (J Hepburn) M H Easterby 10-11-7	A Brown	
3	3-p230	STRAIGHT DOWN (B) (S Green) N Crump 10-11-6	D Hawkins	
4	232102	BIRSBY (D) (Exors of late R McDonald) R McDonald 11-10-4	P A Farrell	7
6	022340	SAINT MUNN (B) (T Culham) Mrs D Culham 11-10-0	R Earnshaw	

1984: Abersing 9-11-9 C Grang (11-2) D Todd 7 ran.

10-11 Mountain Hays, 9-4 Birsby, 11-2 Straight Down, 10 Saint Munn.

FORM: MOUNTAIN HAYS (10-5) 2l Ayr runner-up to Mossy Moore (11-10) (2m 4f ch, £1,766, good, Feb 9, 4 ran. SAINT MUNN (10-0) a distance behind last. BIRSBY (10-6) beaten a short head by Troilena (10-9) at Wetherby, STRAIGHT DOWN (10-10) 7l away 5th having made early mistakes and SAINT MUNN (10-10) 7th of 8 (2m ch, £2,406, good to firm, Feb 27).
Selection: MOUNTAIN HAYS.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£966: 2m) (23)

3		BEN REID (Mrs J Niven) J Haldane 5-11-10	Mr P Niven	7
4		CHEVIOT MANOR (M Aynsley) B McLean 5-11-10	Mr A Fowler	
5		HOPEFUL VENTURE (D Lee) D Lee 5-11-10	P Addis	7
6		SAXCONS (J Saxton) R Peacock 5-11-10	C Kellett	7
14		SHELMORE BOY (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 5-11-10	Mr N Tutty	7
17		TRENTSIDE PELLA (J Payne) F Feigate 5-11-10	Jayne Thompson	7
18		CARAT STICK (Mrs F Watton) F Watton 5-11-5	Mr J Watton	
20		HAVERDALE (G Mason) Mrs C Clark 5-11-5	NON-RUNNER	
21		IRISH MISTAKE (Miss N Brown) D Yeoman 5-11-5	N Turner	7
23		LIME BLOSSOM (Miss S Pike) H Camsell 5-11-5	Mr G Harker	7
32		BRUSH WITH THE LAW (Miss J Hindmoor) G Gaines 4-11-2	Miss J Wilkinson	7
33		COOL STRIKE (Warwick Lodge) D Moorhead 4-11-2	D Condell	7
34		DICK THE VIC (W Raw) W Raw 4-11-2	Mr D Raw	
35		FRED ASTAIRE (Lt-Col J Scott) N Crump 4-11-2	R Balfour	7
36		LE PIAY D'OR (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 4-11-2	Mr S Whitaker	7
38		THOMAS MAC (T Barron) T Barron 4-11-2	Mrs V Graves	
40		TORS (A Milburn) J FitzGerald 4-11-2	Mr S Mullins	7
41		YOU KNOW (R Jarvis) Miss S Hall 4-11-2		-
43		AVERIL EASTER (Miss M Furness) R Tate 4-10-11	C Dennis	7
44		CAROUSEL CROSSETT (E Caine) E Caine 4-10-11		-
45		CELTIC RAINBOW (S Wright) M H Easterby 4-10-11	Mr T Easterby	
47		CHESTNUT AIR (Mrs H Ellerby) M H Easterby 4-10-11	Mr R Morley	
48		HEAT OF THE NIGHT (M Dickinson) M Dickinson 4-10-11	Vicki Harris	7

1984: Hand Over 5-11-3 P A Farrell (8-4 fav) M W Dickinson 22 ran.

11-4 Celtic Rainbow, 7-2 Tors, 9-2 You Know, 6 Live Blossom, 8 Fred Astaire, 10 Thomas Mac, 12 Le Plat D'Or, 14 Saxcom, 20 others.

Folkestone results

Going: Chase course – soft. Hurdles course – heavy

1.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, THE TARIANS (Mr D Murphy, 9-2); 2, Tin Boy (B McNeill, 12-1); 3, Hamerward (A Jones, 16-1. ALSO RAN: Evens fav Fireboy (4th), 5 Diamonds High (pu), 13-2 Sailing By (pu), 14 Superfine, 16 Aldina, Sandyla (pu), 33 Cimabue, Ewell Place (5th), Running Bull, Straphanger (pu), Yazsed (pu), 50 Centaur Song (6th), Habaltico (pu), Song Boy, Crusty Pie (pu), Summerhill Gold (pu). 19 ran. 1¼l, ¾, ¾, ¾, 2, D Thom at Newmarket. TOTE: £19.70; £6.20, £2.10, £4.90. DF: £156.70. CSF: £95.26.

2.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, LAWRENCE-LEE (Lorna Vincent, 15-2); 2, Lucky Gem (J Akehurst, 10-1); 3, Show Me The Way (R Rowe, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Upper Note (4th), 5 City Marathon (pu), 13-2 Middle-Mark, 15-2 Broken Flight (fr), 9 Sock Dennis (pu), 10 Courting Boy, Runwick Prospect (pu), 16 Tullmax (pu), 25 Weaversiake (6th), 33 Barnaby Rudge (5th) Prince Pirate (pu), Sweet Enchantment (pu), Captain America (pu). 18 RAN: 30l, 8, 1½, 30, 20, G Gracey at Dorking. TOTE: £6.50; £2.40, £3.80, £3.00. DF: £162.80. CSF: £95.08. No bid.

2.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, COMES ALIVE (R Rowe, 14-1); 2, Golden Rambler (R Rowse, 33-1); 3, The Assassin (P Corrigan, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Gay Rascal (pu), 7-2 Wissenden (f), 12 Country Cap (6th), 20 Market Commander, 25 Alain (pu), 33 Kinsbourne Lad (4th), Prince Felix, 50 Bad Love (pu), Noble Flyer (pu), Royal Boreen (5th, Taras Chariot. 14 RAN, NR: Major Tom. 6l, str-hd, 1½, dist, 12, J Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £17.20; £2.90, £4.30, £1.40. DF: £136.70. CSF: £345.42.

3.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, RUSSBOROUGH (R Rowse, 11-4 fav); 2, High Heaven (Miss C Moore, 7-2); 3, Linton (C Brown, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mister Pitt, 6 Major Tom (4th), The Owls, 12 Smoker (pu), 14 City Link Express (6th), 16 Fine Tale, 20 Kildare Lad, 33 On Trust (5th), Wordel (pu), Wagabond Victor, Prince Helen, 14 ran. 4l, hd, 7l, 15l, 12l, B Wise at Polegate. TOTE: £2.70; £1.20, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £14.16. TRICAST: £90.59.

3.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, CASTLE WARDEN (P Barton, 5-6 fav); 2, Arabian Music (R Rowe, 7-4); 3, Guisgumsteagh (R Rowse, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Musso (pu), 50 Town Counsellor (4th), 5 ran. 3l, 2l, dist, J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. TOTE: £1.90; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £2.81.

4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, FREDDIE BEE (Mr T Grantham, 16-1); 2, French Safist (Mr W Sporborg, 5-1); 3, Bam Nookie (Mr D Murphy, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Corked (pu), 11-2 Aingers Green (6th), 7 Ca

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Homeless by act of another

Regina v Gloucester City Council, Ex parte Miles

Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Park

[Judgment delivered February 20]

In considering whether an applicant for accommodation under section 3 of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 was intentionally homeless, the council had to determine how and why the applicant became homeless at the time when she became homeless. They were not entitled to rely on the fact that by the date of the application she would have become homeless by her own act even if she had not, prior to that date, become homeless by other than her own act.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Gloucester City Council from Mr Justice Mann who on November 17, 1983 granted an application for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash the council's determination dated September 30, 1981 that they were not under a duty to provide the applicant with accommodation on the ground that she was intentionally homeless within the meaning of section 17 of the Act.

Mr David Fletcher for the council; Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in August 1980 the applicant and her husband became joint tenants of a flat in Bristol. The Department of Health and Social Security paid the rent directly to the landlord. The applicant's husband left her in June 1981.

On July 11, 1981 the applicant left the flat vacant and went to Gloucester with her children to stay with friends. She took the keys and did not tell either the landlord or the department which continued to pay rent until July 27, 1981. It was not known why they then ceased to do so.

On July 28, the applicant applied to the council for accommodation for herself and her children. Prior to that time, unknown to her, her husband had returned to the flat and vandalized it to such an extent as to make it uninhabitable. The landlord then changed the locks.

The only matter in issue was whether the applicant had, prior to the vandalization, formed the intention not to return to the flat. It was not disputed that that intention existed from July 28.

The council contended the applicant became intentionally homeless when she left the flat, that that was a deliberate act in consequence of which she ceased to occupy the flat and that it would have been reasonable for her to continue to occupy it.

The applicant contended that she became homeless not as a consequence of leaving the flat in July but in consequence of it having been made uninhabitable by her husband's action some time between July 11 and 28. She did not therefore become homeless intentionally.

In his Lordship's view, when the premises were rendered uninhabitable she became homeless because although the tenancy still existed "accommodation" in section 1 of the 1977 Act referred to habitable accommodation.

If she then became homeless the cause was, on the ordinary meaning of words, clearly the vandalization of the premises and unless, which was not suggested, she was a party to such vandalization, she did not become in any ordinary sense of the words, homeless intentionally.

She had not done or omitted to do anything as a result of which her situation had changed to one of homelessness. That change was caused wholly by the deliberate act of her husband.

It might well be that at some time after July 28 the applicant would have become homeless by her own acts for the landlord would no doubt have terminated the tenancy when the rent was unpaid.

However, in *Din v Wandsworth London Borough Council* ([1983] 1 AC 657) the House of Lords held that an applicant was not entitled to rely on the fact that at the date of the application he would have become homeless by other than his own act if he in fact had not become and remained homeless by his own act. The present case was in a sense the opposite.

The council could not rely on the fact that the applicant would have become homeless by her own acts if she had not already become homeless by her husband's act. Her own acts, no matter what her intentions, did not render her homeless.

Therefore no reasonable council properly directing itself as to the law could on the undisputed facts have concluded that the applicant became homeless intentionally.

Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Park delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr H. R. T. Shackleton, Gloucester; Wellington & Clifford, Gloucester.

Extra charge to change mode of trial unjust

Regina v Brooks (Christopher)

Where a defendant had declined to elect trial on indictment on an offence triable both ways, and the magistrates had accepted jurisdiction, it was wrong and unjust for the prosecuting solicitor to intervene by adding a charge which was triable only on indictment, thus securing trial at the crown court. The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Caulfield) so held on February 15, allowing an appeal by Christopher David Brooks against a sentence of 15 months' imprisonment for unlawful wounding passed on him at Oxford Crown Court (Judge Mynett, QC) on March 13, 1984.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the appellant had been charged with unlawful wounding contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

The question of the mode of trial had been argued before the magistrates, the appellant having been content to be tried summarily. The magistrates accepted jurisdiction, took the appellant's plea of not guilty, and adjourned the matter for trial.

The chief prosecuting solicitor regarded the matter as too serious for summary trial, and advised the police to prefer an additional charge under section 18 of the 1861 Act.

The appellant was ultimately acquitted by the jury of the section 18 offence, but convicted of the section 20 offence. He appealed against his sentence, arguing that, had the matter proceeded without the intervention of the chief prosecuting solicitor, he might have been sentenced to only six months' imprisonment by the magistrates.

In the judgment of the court the chief prosecuting solicitor had exercised his powers quite improperly: he had clearly sought to act as an appellate tribunal from the magistrates, there being no machinery to appeal against their decision to accept jurisdiction. It was plainly unjust and wrong, and the sentence was reduced to nine months.

Company able to change pay structure

Kenny v Vauxhall Motors Ltd

The terms of a wages agreement introduced by Vauxhall Motors Ltd in 1970 that specifically allowed inspectors to retain the top rate of pay, did not entitle them to receive a pay supplement that the company awarded in 1979 to a group of top skilled craft employees.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Griffiths, Lord Justice Robert Goff and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson) so held on February 18 dismissing an appeal from Mr Justice Kilner Brown ([1983] ICR 560).

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that the 1970 agreement had reserved the company's right to make alterations in its employees' grading structure and that there was no implied term that any supplemental increment awarded to craftsmen on the highest grade would also be paid to inspectors.

Landlord's duty to decorate after repairs

Bradley v Chorley Borough Council

In allowing a plaintiff's appeal from the judgment of Judge Sellers in Chorley County Court on April 12, 1984 in favour of the defendants, Chorley Borough Council, the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls and Sir Edward Eveleigh) on February 27 applied the principle of *Mc Greal v Wake (The Times*, February 9, 1984) that a landlord's obligation to effect repairs must carry with it an obligation to make good any consequential damage to decorations.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case was wholly indistinguishable from the principle in *McGreal's* case.

SIR EDWARD EVELEIGH, agreeing, said that what work was to be done by the landlord depended on the facts of each case.

Considering whole object

Regina v Hill (Frederick)

Where a defendant was charged with administering a poison or noxious thing with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy contrary to section 24 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, it was necessary to consider not only his intention regarding the immediate effect of the noxious thing upon his victim, but also his whole object in administering it.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Robert Goff, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Justice Drake) so held in a reserved judgment on February 22, allowing an appeal by Frederick Phillip Hill against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Herrod, QC) on March 30, 1984.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that it was necessary, in considering whether in any particular case an accused had acted "with intent to injure", to have regard not merely to his intent regarding the effect of the noxious thing upon the person to whom it was administered, but to his whole object in acting as he had done.

He might have administerd the noxious thing with the intent that it would itself injure the person in question, or it might have been administered with an ulterior motive, as, for example, where a man gave a woman a sleeping pill with an intent to rape her while she was comatose.

In the present case, the judge's direction to the jury that an intent to keep a person awake of itself constituted an intent to injure within the section was not correct in law. The jury should have been directed to have regard to the appellant's whole object in administering the noxious thing.

Bound by precedent

Amsale Wolde Amanuel and Others v Alexandros Shipping Co and Another

A decision of the Court of Appeal on an *ex parte* application was binding on a single judge of the High Court, Mr Justice Webster held on February 22, delivering a reserved judgment in open court in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division after the hearing of a commercial summons in chambers.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said that the rule was that he was bound to follow a decision of the Court of Appeal unless it had been reversed by the House of Lords, unless there was a subsequent decision of the Court of Appeal inconsistent with it, or unless the decision was *per incuriam*, as that expression was explained in *Miliangos v Frank (Textiles) Ltd* ([1976] AC 443, 477).

In the absence of any authority to the contrary that rule was applicable to a Court of Appeal decision on an *ex parte* application.

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Unless it is previously sold, the house, a low-built, wide-fronted, neo-Georgian property with garaging for four cars, will be sold at auction on April 25. The house, in a cul-de-sac off Curzon Street, has been enlarged and modernized in the past 10 years to provide a London residence for Mr A. W. Galadari, a leading Dubai merchant.

The house has four reception rooms, four bedrooms, three bathrooms and staff accommodation.

■ **The former London home of the late Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd, in Chester Square, near the King's Road, has been bought by Tiny Rowland, head of the Lonrho organization, through W. A. Ellis, for about £2.35 million. The house, built around 1836, has four reception rooms and 12 bedrooms.**

Abbey in an acre

■ Beckington Abbey, one of the most important period properties in the area of Somerset around Bath, is for sale through Pearson's Frome office, which is asking for offers around £175,000. The property, which has 15th-century origins, includes the substantial south-west wing thought to have been used as a hospice by the Augustinians. It has a fine Tudor fireplace and later Jacobean features, including the "Catherine of Aragon" hall with a sumptuous barrel-vaulted ceiling.

The house, standing in about one acre, has four reception rooms, five bedrooms and two bathrooms.

■ **The Orchard, a listed Grade II house near the centre of Claygate and Esher, Surrey, is for sale through the Esher office of Hampton and Sons, which is asking for offers around £160,000. The brick-built property dates from the 16th century and needs total modernization. It has three reception rooms, six bedrooms and a third of an acre of garden.**

New look at No 24½

■ At the end of Queensgate Mews in Kensington, London, lies Number 24½, at once a modest and eccentric address. The house, hidden behind imposing iron gates south of Kensington Gardens, has been entirely rebuilt in the past two years. Aylesford and Co in Kensington Church Street is asking around £1 million.

Inside the decoration ranges from silk-lined walls and a marble and glass hall to a sunken bath with jacuzzi in the master bathroom. The house has a large hall split level with the dining room, and a reception room with french windows into the paved walled garden. It has a master bedroom and two further bedrooms, and garaging for six cars.



Number 5, Maidstone Road, Lenham, Kent, is a fine 15th-century timber-framed house set in a range of similar buildings just off the village square.

The house (left), on the market at about £52,000, has an unusual pedigree. It was bought by the Kent Building Preservation Trust, which has spent £20,000 repairing and modernizing it during the past two years as part of its work to rescue threatened historic buildings and resell them.

The restored house has a large reception room with an exposed inglenook fireplace, three bedrooms and a rear garden, and to save costs the trust (Folkestone 43816) is itself selling the property rather than using estate agents.

Curbs on cowboys

The Building Employers' Confederation is urging the Government to curb "cowboy" builders in the light of a survey which confirms the size of the black economy in the building industry.

A nationwide survey of classified advertisements in local newspapers has shown that nearly three out of four of advertisers offering building services were not registered for VAT. The analysis was carried out by the confederation in collaboration with Customs and Excise, and covered nearly 700 advertisements in 17 areas.

The findings have been forwarded to Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in answer to his request for further information on the building black economy at a meeting with confederation representatives.

The confederation estimates that cash-trading "cowboys" account for about £2 billion of the £5 billion private housing improvement market, and their activities involve the loss to the Government of at least £800 million in taxes.

From the customer's point of view it is also a serious matter because the work is often shoddy, the tax-dodgers make no contribution to skills training and they ignore good safety and insurance practices.

The confederation estimates that one in five of all houses is in need of basic improvement or repairs costing £2,500 or more, giving another indication of the size of this black economy.

To reduce tax evasion and ensure the best value for public money spent on housing improvements, the confederation recommends that the VAT registration threshold for building work, at present set at £18,700, should be reduced to zero. The existence of the threshold merely creates administrative complications and encourages tax evasion, it says.

In addition, there should be a mandatory requirement that payment of improvement grants should be made against invoices provided by the firm whose quotation formed the basis of the grant, and local authorities should be enabled to restrict grant work to a list of approved VAT-registered contractors who are able to offer a recognized guarantee scheme.

The confederation believes that its latest evidence is powerful ammunition for the call to bring the threshold down to zero.

It argues that raising the threshold to £50,000 or even £100,000, as some organizations have been suggesting, would prove disastrous for the building industry, where it is particularly easy for the black economy to flourish. But if that were made a general increase, there should be no bar to the building industry having a separate threshold because of its special difficulties.

The confederation has timed its appeal to reach the Government shortly before the Budget. It has been encouraged by reports that the Government is contemplating certain of its recommendations – that grants should be paid only against invoices related to the original quotation, and that they should be restricted by local authorities to work carried out only by firms offering recognized guarantee schemes.

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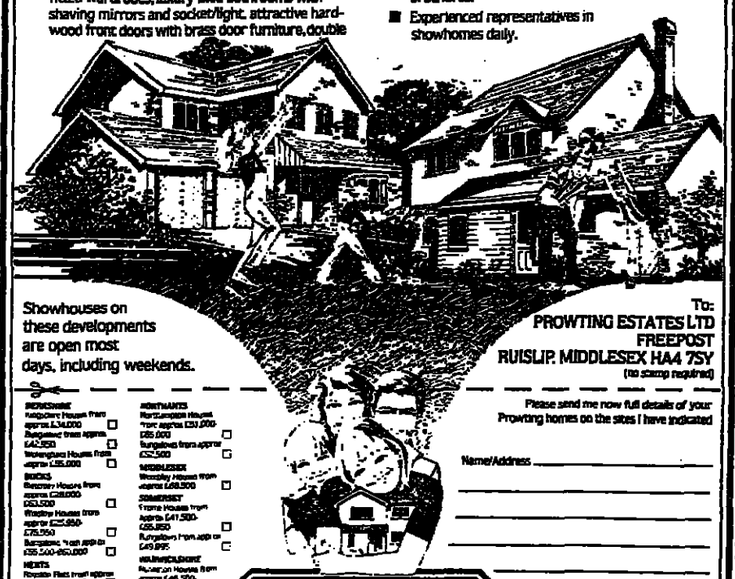
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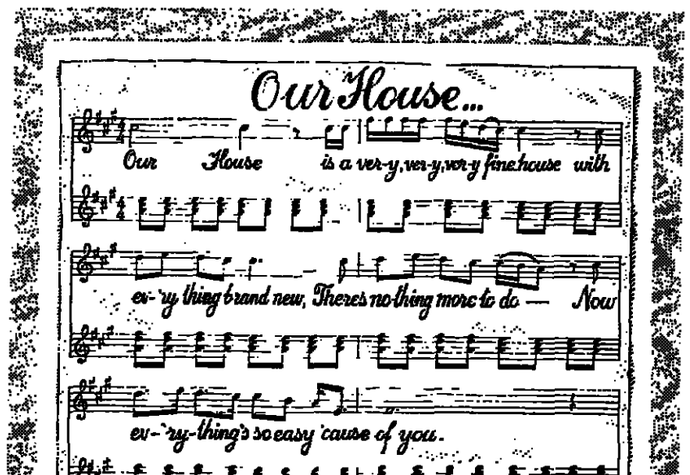
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BOARLE. - On February 28th, to Rosalind and John, a son, Christopher John, a brother for Theodore.

DIMPFL. - On March 5 to Claire and Charles - a daughter.

DOBSON. - On March 4th in Carlisle Maternity Hospital, to Carol-Ann (nee Miller) and Alan, a daughter (Amy Suzanne), a sister for Emily Clair.

DORAVAN. To Lisa and Sean in Vancouver, a son, Matthew, a brother for Brendan.

GORDON-JONES at March 1st to Frances (nee Knox) and Henry a daughter Susannah Clare a sister to Alexandra.

HAMPSON - On 19th February to Clare (nee Wagborn) and Anthony of Leigh Lodge, Worcestershire, a son (Jack), a brother for Sophie and Laura.

HENNESSEY. - On March 1st, to Kate (nee Pryddech) Conrad and Tim - a daughter, (Cordelia Sarah Catherine) a sister for Patrick.

HILLIER. - On 2nd March, to Hatty, (nee Elvins) and Anthony, a son, Charles Anthony, brother to Katharine and Christina.

HOWE: On 7th February to Anne-Marie and Peter, a daughter, Solange.

JEPSON - On 3rd March to Jo (nee Potter) and Graham, a daughter (Anna Grace).

MAULE. - On March 1st in Dusseldorf, to Alexandra (nee Negretti) and David, a son, Robert Alexander Cartaret, a brother for Emma.

McCLELLAND. - On March 1st at St Thomas's Hospital, to Murielle (nee MacKenzie) and Kevin a son (Robert Lewis), brother to Bernadine.

MEDOWVILLE. - On March 2nd, at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Heather (nee Drew) and John - a daughter (Carlsabel), a sister for Amber and Jake.

McLEOD. - On 5th March 1985, to Helen (nee Smith) and Iain, a son.

MELVILLE-SHREEVE - On 3rd March at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital Heavitree to Alison (nee Hatfield) and Michael, a son Peter Joseph, a brother for Laura.

NOLAN. - On March 5th 1985, at Bartlingside Hospital, to Mary (nee Breil) and Martin, a son, Christopher James.

RAE. - On February 23rd at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Penny (nee Rippon) and Simon - a daughter (Albertine Helen Yorke).

RIDLER: On March 3rd, to Nancy and Charles, a daughter, Anna Rebecca.

ROBERTS - On 27th February, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to John and Christine - a son, Drew Macarthur, a brother for Jake.

THATCHER. - On February 25 at King's College Hospital to Anne (nee Donagher) and Matthew - a daughter (Catherine Anne).

WILLIAMS. - On March 5, at West London Hospital, to Caroline (nee Sharman) and Jeremy - a son (Mathew Guy Lloyd).

BIRTHDAYS

SYKES, JOANNE.-Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Best wishes for the future. David.

DEATHS

AMPFELL - on Playright, Quernmore Campbell, on March 4, at the Royal Marsden Hospital. Arrangements for the funeral to follow.

ANNESS. On March 3rd 1985, peacefully at home, John Downing aged 67 years. Memorial thanksgiving service on Tuesday March 12th at 2pm. Christ the Redeemer Church, Abbey Road, Southall, Middlesex. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to Christ the Redeemer Church.

BEARE - On 2nd March, 1985, suddenly at home, Newton Beare of Tite Moors, Bitterwell, near Lutterworth, Leicestershire, aged 80 years. Much loved husband of the late Joyce Beare, father of Stuart, Carol and Stephen, and grandfather of Sally, Michael, Wendy, Caroline, Timmy and Penny. Private Funeral and Cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Witness for the Bedridden Society of 20 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8BQ.

BELL - On February 28th, quite unexpectedly at her home, "Westcot" Metcombe, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, Elizabeth Mary (Betty) wife of the late Commander Bryan Bell, R.N. (ret'd). Funeral service at St Edward's Church, Sutton Park, Guildford on Friday March 8th at 2.30pm. No flowers. Donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E8.

CARMICHAEL - On 4th March, Sheina Whyte, suddenly after a short illness. Widow of Andrew Halliday Carmichael, and much loved mother of Mary and David, and grandmother of Nick, Rosie, Jonathan, Alasdair and Alison.

CARVER - On 3rd March at Milford-on-sea, after 3 years of painful cancer, borne with wonderful courage and cheerfulness, Audrey, beloved wife of colonel R.O.H. Carver and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at All Saints Church, Milford-on-sea, on Tuesday, March 12th at 11.30am.

CLAYTON. - On March 4, 1985, suddenly at his home in Ringwood, John, aged 69 years, formerly of R.H.S. Wisley.

CRANG. - On March 1, 1985, at his home, Francis Edmund (Frank) Crang, aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Hilda Mary and father of Rodney and Colin. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday, March 14, at 3 pm. Flowers to Heine & Son, Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne. Tel 27801.

DAY. - On 4th March, 1985, suddenly at home, Kenneth Frederick Grace, aged 70, beloved husband of Betty, and father of John and Margaret. Service at St. Matthews Church, Walsall, on Monday 11th March at 11.15am, followed by cremation at Perry Barr, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to British Heart Foundation.

FREEMAN - On 3rd March, 1985, peacefully at Malvern, Ernesie Sophia, aged 97, much loved aunt and great aunt. Service at Holy Trinity, Great Malvern, 12 midday, Thursday, 7th March, followed by Cremation at Worcester. No flowers by request, but donations to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, London SW1W 0LZ.

GARDINER, - Ruth, to a Sheffield Nursing home, March 2nd. Very dear wife of Keith, much-loved mother of the late Douglas and of Duncan and mother in law of Margaret and Gerry and loving grandmother of Fiona, Gillian, Ronan and Nicola. Funeral service at Christ Church, Fulwood, Sheffield, at 1.45, on Friday, March 8th, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please.

HACKETT. - On March 3rd, 1985, peacefully in Grenville Place Nursing Home, Hansford, Dorset, Edith Hague of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, dearly loved wife of the late Lt.-Col. Harold Hackett MC (6th Canadian Rifles) and mother of the late Barbara Garmont and David Hackett, of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium, at 11.45 am. on Thursday, March 14th. March 14th, 1985. Donations to the Gurkha Welfare Trusts will be appreciated, c/o Charles Smad & Son, Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset.

HALLINGS-POTT. - On March 3rd, Mrs Evelyn Marie, aged 73, widow of Air Vice Marshal J. R. Hallings Pott, C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C. Funeral private.

HEATH. - On February 28th, suddenly, Ronald Richard, devoted and beloved husband of Grace. Private cremation will take place at Golders Green Crematorium, on Tuesday, 12th March, at 11.40am. Family flowers only to H. E. Pierce, 153 Central Street, City Road, EC1. Donations, if desired, to Brittan Heart Foundation or Royal Masonic Hospital.

HIBBERD. - On March 1, 1985, in Charing Cross Hospital, Leonard John (Len) Hibberd, FRICS, FSVA, aged 52 years. Dearly loved. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, March 8, at 12.30 pm. Donations if desired to The Heart Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham.

HUTCHISON. - On March 2nd, 1985, in the Residence Medicine to Sources, Nice, Alexander Ralston, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.H., D.P.A., Hon. F.A.P.H.A., Hon. F.R.S.H., Hon. M.A.M.A., beloved husband of Margaret, peacefully at the end after a brave fight against cancer.

JOLLY on March 4th suddenly at home John Alexander. Much loved husband of Betty and loved father of Sarah, Fiona and the late John. Funeral Friday, March 8th at Mossland Church at 2pm, followed by interment at Tichborne.

KNIGHT. - On Saturday 2nd March 1985, peacefully at home, Vilate Jane Barley, Timothy, dearly loved and much beloved and loving husband of Barbara, father of Frank, Bill and Jane and brother of Ethel, Flavia, Thursday 7th March at 11 am, at St Mark's Church, Rugby, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Coventry and Warwick Cancer Treatment Fund, c/o Watton & Taylor Ltd. 16 Railway Terrace, Rugby.

DEATHS

LEE. - Nicola Jayne, aged 10 years, sister of Samantha and Helena (on 1st March following road accident) at Holly Cottage, Sandy Lane, Greywood, Surrey. Service at Greywood Church, Thursday 7th March, 3pm, followed by cremation. Inquiries and flowers to G. M. Luff & Partners, Haslemere. (0428) 3524.

MARSHALL On 2nd March after a long illness, Frances Margaret, widow of Major Thomas Broadbent, Marshall, late the King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool). Mother of Ann Coles of Vigo, Holmwood, Surrey, and grandmother of Lucy. Funeral private at her request.

McMURRAY. - On March 3rd 1985, suddenly but peacefully, with her children present, Frances Elizabeth Prudence, aged 72 years. Funeral service on Friday 8th March, at 2pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Monmouth Place, Bath.

O'DONNELL - On March 3rd, peacefully at home in her 68th year, after a long illness courageously borne, Kathleen Cicely, widow of Doctor Raymond O'Donnell, of 80 Marsden Avenue, N.W.11, much loved and deeply mourned by her children Raymond, Ann, John, Hugh, Michael, Christopher, Clare and Paul and her many grandchildren. Requiem Mass on Friday, March 8th, at 10.15 am at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19, followed by burial. Family flowers only please. Research Hospital Linear Accelerator Appeal. R.I.P.

PERSSTON - On Saturday at Newmarket, Letty Alice, much loved wife of Oliver Jubilee, mother of Stan and Vic burial at Stanborn church, Thursday 7th. flowers if desired to H. J. Parish, 60 Wittersfield Road, Haverhill Suffolk.

ROBERTS, PEGGIE. - On March 3rd, after a short illness, widow of A.C.G. Brian Roberts. Funeral at St Michael's, Amberley, Sussex, on Monday, March 11th at 3 pm. No flowers please, donations to St Barnabas Home, Worthing.

ROCHFORT. - On 27th February, 1985, in hospital at Eastbourne, William Patrick D'Oyly Rochfort, OBE, MRAeS, MICW, formerly senior Captain ATA and Ferry Commander Enterprises to Hatne & Son Ltd (03235 27801.

ROGERS - Peacefully on 1st March, Emily Feodore, aged 95 years of 197 Earlham Road, Norwich, Norfolk. Beloved wife of Charles and mother of Peter, John and Michael. Funeral service at Thorpe Church, Earlham Road Crematorium. Flowers please to the Reg Cooper Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium, on Monday, 11th March, at 12.30pm. No flowers please.

SEARLE - On March 3rd 1985 peacefully in Ely, Cambridgeshire, Ella Maud Searle aged 79 years. Formerly of Bowden, Cheshire. Beloved husband of Edith and devoted father of Jean and Peter. Funeral service at the Altrincham Crematorium at 9.30am on Friday 8th March. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Messrs John C. Ashton & Co. Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire. Tel 061 928 7816.

SEDGETYEN. - On March 1st in Reading, Berkshire, Mary (nee Veigh), wife of Paul.

SHARP. - On Monday 4th March 1985, at Silverdale, Emily, dearly loved wife of Edward and mother of Jane, Peter and Nigel. Funeral at St Oswalds Church, Borwick at 12pm, Friday 8th March.

SHEPPARD On Monday 4th March, peacefully at Amesbury Abbey in her 91st year, Edith Mabel Sheppard, O.Sc, for many years on the staff of the Zoological Department, University College Cardiff. Fellow of University College Cardiff and Honorary D.Sc. Creations peerage.

TAPPLIN - On March 3rd, Lt-Col Struan Robertson, late Coldstream Guards and Royal Engineers. R.I.P. Funeral: West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford, on Monday, 11th March at 11.30am. No flowers but donations asked for Royal Engineers Benevolent Fund, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent. Hurrah for the C.R.E.

THACKERAY - EDWARD ST JOHN. - Elder son of the late Dr and Mrs H. St John Thackeray, on March 4th, peacefully, after a life bravely borne. Lovingly remembered by Rachel, Mary, Ruth, Michael, Francis and Amanda. Funeral service at Christ Church, Virginia Water, Monday, March 11th at 12 noon.

THOMAS, MONICA - Widow of Bernard ("Tommy") formerly of Seira in Harare, Zimbabwe, on 4th March.

WARD. - On March 4th in hospital, following an operation, Este Dinah, aged 89, beloved wife of Harry Ward of Studley, years. Was first woman Fellow of Leeds University, mother of Rosemary Pedder and Stephen Ward. She was a very much loved grandmother. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Monday, March 11th at 1 pm. No flowers by request.

WYATT - ALEXANDER STUART, F.R.S., Ecologist of Aberdeen and Cambridge Universities, husband of Annie. On March 2nd, aged 92. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium, on Monday, 11th March, at 12.30pm. No flowers please.

WILSON William Thomas J.P. of Fenstranton. On 4th March after a short illness aged 65 years. Dearest husband of Ethel, father of William, Sarah and Susanna. Private family requiem mass. Memorial service Fenstranton Parish Church, 12 noon 14th march. R.I.P.

WINTER - On Saturday 2nd March 1985, peacefully in hospital, Frank Thomas Winter, F.R.I.B.A., of 88, Church Street, Stapleford, Cambridge and formerly of Holmer Green, Bucks and Hampstead Garden Suburb. Dear father of David. Funeral service at Holmer Green Baptist Church, on Tuesday 12th March, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired, may be sent for Help The Aged, or Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EATON-MATTHEWS. - A Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for Helen Eaton-Matthews, will be held on March 28, at 11.30am at The Convent of the Incarnation, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

IN MEMORIAM

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BRITTON formerly Kelly nee Langstead otherwise Meredith, Annie Britton formerly Annie Kelly nee Langstead otherwise Meredith, widow late of Mansfield Home, 60 Brentwood Road, Brighton, East Sussex died at Brighton on 12th June 1984 (Estate about £7,000).

BURTON, Janet Pratt Burton, Spinster late of Reform Club, Pall Mall, London SW1 died at Westminster, London SW1 on 22nd November 1983 (Estate about £19,120)

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1. That the decision of the Trustees that the purpose of the Society could be more beneficially and conveniently attained in conjunction with Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund, a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity, the Board of Directors of which consists of the Trustees of the Society, be confirmed.

2. That the Trustees are authorised and directed to apply and transfer the cash investments and other charity or charities and assets held on account of the Society accordingly to Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund, and to cause the Society to be amalgamated with Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund in such manner as the Trustees shall in their discretion think fit.

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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news with Debbie Rix at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty at 7.32. Plus, d-i-y advice; financial information; healthy eating; and motoring trends.

9.20 **Ceefax.** 10.30 **Play School,** presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.50 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian Women. In this week's edition a schoolteacher and a mature student discuss their professional experiences. 11.15 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes space expert Geoffrey Pardoe talking about his recent trip to China: a team of huskies; David Delvin discussing the pros and cons of whooping cough vaccinations; Scillies cook Sue Hicks with a fish recipe; and music from the Martin Taylor Quartet.

1.45 **King Rollo** (r). 1.50 **Bric-a-Brac** with Brian Cant (r). 2.00 **Ceefax.** 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 **Play School,** presented by Fred Harris. 4.10 **The Wombles,** read by Bernard Cribbins (r). 4.15 **The Puppy's New Adventures.** 4.35 **Jackanory.** Christopher Biggins with part three of Wilkes the Wizard. 4.50 **Captain Caveman.**

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround.** 5.10 **Seaview.** Episode three. 5.35 **Grange Hill.** Episode six and Zammo begins to feel victimized (Ceefax).

5.50 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Terry Wogan's guests are Frank Finlay, Sir Michael Tippett, Joan Armatrading, Liv Ullman and Wham.

7.40 **Monkey Business.** Quiz game about animals and plants. The team captains, Floella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas, are joined by Pam Ayres, Liza Goddard, Michael Clegg and Cliff Morgan (see Choice).

8.10 **The Two Ronnies** with guest Elaine Paige. Messrs Barker and Corbett include their own version of Top of the Pops which is introduced by Dave Lav Trellis and includes such household-name pop stars as Little Steamy Winder and the Status Who.

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville.

9.25 **Q.E.D.: The Science of Sexual Attraction.** A new series begins with an examination of some of the ways in which scientists have been probing the secrets of sexual attraction. The programme is narrated by Eleanor Bron and John Fortune who take the viewer step by step through the early stages of the attraction process to the moment of the first kiss (see Choice).

10.20 **Sportsnight,** introduced by Harry Carpenter. The World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo includes the Original Set Pattern Dance and the Pairs Competition; boxing from the Royal Albert Hall features bouts involving Lloyd Honeyghan and Herol Graham. Plus reports on tonight's European football matches and highlights from the second semi-final of the World Championship of Cricket tournament in Melbourne.

11.50 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Andy Craig. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 7.37; d-i-y advice at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.45; video report at 8.40; advice on tree planting at 9.03. The guests are Rupert Everett and Mike Reid.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news** headlines. 9.30 **For Schools:** for parents and teachers. 9.35 Hopes and dreams. 9.47 How an aircraft is controlled in flight. 10.04 The development of computers. 10.21 Eric Bogosian performs 'Funhouse'. 10.48 The Youth Training Scheme from the point of view of a trainee. 11.10 Leather and its qualities. 11.22 Old and new clockwork toys. 11.39 When electricity came to every home.

12.00 **Ice Skating: the World Figure Skating Championships.** The Original Set Pattern quickstep plus the Pairs' Free Programme.

1.00 **News at One** and 1.20 **Thames news** with Robin Houston. 1.30 **A Country Practice.**

2.25 **Home Cookery Club.** The recipe for Creamy Fish Savoury. 2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with news of food-buying bargains. The guest cook is Arthur Marshall. 3.00 **Gems.** Drama serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. 3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet adventures of the Spoon family. 4.15 **The Moomins.** 4.20 **Do It.** Sheelagh Gilbey with more ideas aimed at stimulating children's creative skills (Oracle). 4.45 **Fraggle Rock.** Adventures of creatures that live underneath a lighthouse.

5.15 **Ice Skating: the World Figure Skating Championships.** Highlights of the day's activity in Tokyo.

5.45 **News** and weather. 6.00 **Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Women's Therapy Centre and the Centre's self-help groups formed to assist women with compulsive eating disorders.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Iris Scott is asked to cope with a situation which nobody else can handle.

7.00 **Wish You Were Here . . . ?** Judith Chalmers discovers Bradford's burgeoning tourist industry; Chris Kelly visits a Yugoslav resort that was flattened by an earthquake seven years ago; and Anneka Rice eyes Australian lifeguards (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Andrea is not impressed with her father, Harry Clayton's, good intentions (Oracle).

8.00 **This is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews, armed with microphone and big red book, lies in wait for another unsuspecting worthy.

8.30 **There Comes a Time . . .** Comedy series starring Andrew Sachs (Oracle).

9.00 **The Last Place on Earth.** Part four of the seven-episode drama about the race to the South Pole between Captain Scott and Roald Amundsen (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather.

10.30 **Midweek Sport Special** introduced by Brian Moore and Steve Rider. Highlights from one of tonight's football matches involving a British Club in a European competition plus the World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo.

12.00 **Alice Cooper** – Portrait of a Legend.

12.25 **Night Thoughts.**



Floella Benjamin, Henry Kelly and Jeremy Cherfas: BBC1 at 7.40pm

● I can best describe my feelings about **MONKEY BUSINESS** (BBC 1, 7.40pm), the BBC Natural History Unit's first foray into light entertainment, by saying that I kept thinking of something as surreal as the Royal Opera House staging a nobbly-knees contest between the acts of *Parsifal*. There is no reason why the unit should not let its hair down now and then. It's just that I am surprised at how little use is made of the skills and resources that have made this Bristol-based unit preeminent in its field, and at how juvenile some of the questions are (what is the missing word: My love is like a red, red. . . . . And what animal does a bare-bottomed lady remind you of?). It must be difficult to avoid this kind of nonsense in a panel game that mixes natural history and showbusiness, but *Monkey Business* will be (a) more fun and (b) more informative if it stops regarding the title as a licence to be silly.

● The same kind of silliness is to be found in **THE SCIENCE OF SEXUAL ATTRACTION** (BBC 1, 9.25pm), which marks the return of O.E.D. You will be utterly at a loss if you try to puzzle out whether Tony Edwards's film is trying to make a serious scientific statement or whether it is one big leg-pull. I suspect the latter, partly because the narration is shared by John Fortune and Eleanor Bron, entertainers with a satirical bent, and partly because no one can possibly take seriously a film that shows scientists analysing armpit sweat so that it can be produced as an aphrodisiac toilet preparation. I hardly dare mention the vaginal probes that measure the degree of arousal when guinea-pig women are confronted by pictures of masculine flesh, minimally covered.

● **COLLEGE ENTERTAINERS** (Radio 4, 7.20pm) shows what students can achieve when they stop moaning about cash shortage and start doing something about it. It is university and college students in Oxford whom Marjorie Lofthouse talks to, musicians (piano and double-bass), caterers, and the operator of a removal and minibus service. The astonishing thing about all this part-time activity is not only that it can somehow be integrated with study schedules, but that it can operate at a time when the moan is also heard that there is no work these days even for menials.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Technology: Bridging the Gap. 6.55 Primary Sources: Stratford-upon-Avon. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.38 **Daytime on Two:** Science – water. 10.00 For the very young. 10.15 Maths: area. 10.38 Statistics: distributions. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Music: folk tunes and the violin. 11.39 Part two of Margaret Jay's series on surrogate birth.

12.05 Russians and their language. 12.30 Part two of the series on the role of a member of Parliament. 12.55 Learning English from watching popular television programmes. 1.21 Spanish conversation. 1.38 Rhythms and dances. 2.00 The messages of smells. 2.18 The export industries of Barbados. 2.40 How the early roads were used (Ceefax).

3.00 **Ceefax.**

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Film: Slaughter Trail** (1951). Starring Brian Donlevy and Gig Young. Western adventure in which a series of hold-ups threatens the uneasy peace between the US Cavalry and the Navajo Indians. Directed by Irving Allen.

6.40 **The World Championship of Cricket.** The second semi-final of the 50-overs-a-side competition, between West Indies and Pakistan. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the game from Melbourne.

7.30 **Open Space: Something's Burning.** A drama about the tensions and explosive undercurrents of modern inner-city life performed by the Shiftwork Theatre company, the youth company of the Lyric Theatre, and drawn from the cast's own experiences.

8.10 **Timewatch.** This month's history with hindsight programme includes an examination of the wartime correspondence between Churchill and Roosevelt; the results of new research into children's singing games; and the story of a group of masked horsemen who terrorized the area around Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale in the 17th century before they met their just desserts at the hands of the notorious Judge Jeffreys.

9.00 **Blott on the Landscape.** Part five and the plans for the motorway through Cleene Gorge are enacted with bulldozers and dynamite. Lady Maud and Blott try to stop the work by blackmailing Dundridge but this does not work. What of Sir Giles? Is he sticking to his side of the bargain after being caught with his trousers down by Lady Maud? (Ceefax).

9.55 **The Moody Blues.** Part two of a concert recorded at Wembley last November.

10.30 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news plus extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day.

11.15 **Weather.** 11.20 Interval.

11.30 **Open University:** Images of Health: 11.55 Biology: Cell Structure. Ends at 12.25.

CHANNEL 4

2.25 **Film: Conflict of Wings** (1954). Starring John Gregson and Muriel Pavlow. The story of a group of Norfolk villagers and their efforts to save their local bird sanctuary being taken over by the RAF for use as a rocket-firing range. Directed by John Eldridge.

4.00 **A Plus 4.** Gill Neville chairs a studio discussion on women and crime.

4.30 **Countdown.**

5.00 **Alice.** Comedy series about a Phoenix, Arizona, diner waitress and her colleagues.

5.30 **Farming on 4,** presented by Barry Wilson. This first in a new series includes a report on fertilizers. They may have increased food production – but have they polluted the drinking water?

6.00 **Danger Man.** Secret Service man John Drake is sent to Bavaria to try and find the source of a security leak. He uncovers a puppet containing recording wire and when he plays the recording he recognizes the voice of the person revealing vital secrets.

6.30 **The Living Body.** Part 22 of the 26-programme series on the workings of the inner human body examines sexual intercourse and includes computer animations to show the location of the male and female reproductive organs in three dimensions and to recreate the internal journey of the sperm at the time of orgasm, from testicle to vagina.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is taken by Barry Sheerman, Shadow spokesman on unemployment. Weather.

8.00 **The Dragon Has Two Tongues.** Part nine of the 13-programme history of Wales from two viewpoints deals with the early part of the 19th century when the industrial revolution in Wales was at its height. Wynford Vaughan-Thomas believes that it was the individual employer, risking his own money, who created the Welsh industrial revolution. Professor Gwyn Alf Williams disagrees and claims it was the industrialists' workforce.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Barbra Evans presents Greenwich councillors' case in their fight to preserve local jobs and services in the face of the government's new rate capping law.

9.00 **Film: Forbidden Relations** (1982). A Hungarian-made film about a widow's affair with an ex-convict who turns out to be her half-brother. Directed by Zsolt Kezdi-Kovacs.

10.45 **Book Four,** presented by Hermione Lee. This first programme in a new series is devoted to the crisis in the funding of literature and the threat of the imposition of VAT on books.

11.15 **Hoarded Dreams.** A performance of a work written by Graham Collier for the 1983 Bracknell Jazz Festival.

11.45 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 **Shipping.** 6.00 **News Briefing; Weather.** 6.10 **Farming Today.** 6.25 **Prayer for the Day.**

6.30 **Today,** incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Midweek: Libby Purves** and studio guests.†

10.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time.** Listeners' postbag.

10.30 **Morning Story: 'Song of the Burren'** by John G. Miller. Reader: John Westbrook.

10.45 **A Service of Thanksgiving** on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of King George's Jubilee Trust for Youth. From St Paul's Cathedral in the presence of the patron, The Queen and the president, the Prince of Wales, and the Princess of Wales.†

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Consumer affairs, with John Howard.

12.27 **The Great Impersonation** by E. Phillips Oppenheim. Dramatized in five parts. (5) 'The Truth Revealed' (r).† 12.55 **Weather.**

1.00 **The World at One: News.** Forecast.

1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 **Shipping Forecast.**

2.00 **News; Woman's Hour.** Today's edition includes an interview with Little Richard. There is also the second instalment of Shadows on Our Skin, by Jennifer Johnston. Read by Sam Dale.

3.00 **The Afternoon Play: The Storytellers** (3). An Outpost of Progress, adapted from Conrad by R. S. Byram. With Terrence Hardiman and Colin Jeavons. With Willie Payne. A jungle business is being carried on under the unsuspecting noses of two ivory traders.

3.47 **Time for Verse.** Poetry in English translation (3). Metamorphoses. With Charles Tomlinson, Norman Rodway and Ellen McIntosh.

4.00 **News: File on 4.** An assessment of America's hopes of success at the Geneva nuclear arms talks next week. Will 'Star Wars' wreck them? (r).

4.40 **Short Story: 'Miss Mole'** by E. H. Young. Abridged in 10 parts (3). Reader, June Barrie.

5.00 **PM: News Magazine.** 5.50 **Shipping.** 5.55 **Weather.**

6.00 **The Six O'Clock News;** incl **Financial Report.**

6.30 **Just a Minute.** With Kenneth Williams, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo and Martin Jarvis.

7.00 **News.**

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **College Enterprise.** Marjorie Lofthouse visits Oxford to see how some enterprising undergraduates are earning money to support themselves (see Choice).

7.45 **The Fisher King.** The history and natural history of the Somerset levels with Ben Cross, Maureen O'Brien and Barry Paine.

8.45 **Analysis: 'Vive Le Blast-Off!'**

9.30 **More Wrestling than Dancing.** David Moreau recollects his largely unsuccessful attempts to come to grips with life – 'Drawing in Our Horns' (r).

9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Arts magazine. Includes comment on Stephen Wakelam's play Deadlines, and Opera North's production of *La traviata*.

10.15 **A Book at Bedtime: 'The Green Man'** by Kingsley Amis (3). Reader: Julian Glover. 10.29 **Weather.**

10.30 **The World Tonight,** incl 11.00 **Headlines.**

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Today in Parliament.** 12.00-12.15 **News; Weather.** 12.33 **Shipping.** VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 10.4-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 Interlude. 11.00 Singing Together (17). 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop (4). 11.40 Contact: In the News. 11.55 Topic Songbook (7). 1.55-3.00 For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Something to Think About. 2.15 Quest. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind. 2.45 Nature: Newts. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Get By In Greek (4). Finding Your Way About. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Modern Art: Images of Prostitution. 11.50 Dr Benjamin Spock. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Radio History (11-14) 12.30 America in the 19th Century: The Millionaire. 12.50 Russia in 1900.

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**

7.05 **Your Midweek Choice: Satie's Gnossiennes** (Roge, piano); Mozart's Soave sia il vento (Popp/Fassbaender/Krause); Schubert's Symphony No 1 (RPO under Beecham).† 8.00 **News.**

8.05 **Your Midweek Choice** (contd): Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No 1 (Andras Schiff, with Bavarian Radio SO under Dutoit); Khachaturyan's Trio for clarinet, violin and piano (Melos Ensemble members); Dittersdorf's Double-bass Concerto in E major (Hortnagel with Wurttemberg Chamber Orchestra under Faerber).† 9.00 **News.**

9.05 **This Week's Composer: Shostakovich:** the final years. A recording of the Symphony No 14, Op 135 (Vishnevskaya, soprano, Mark Reshetin, bass and members of Moscow PO under Rostropovich).†

10.00 **Respighi:** Takako Nishizaki, violin with the Singapore SO under Choo Hoey play the Concerto Gregoriano.†

10.35 **Brahms:** Members of the Melos Quartet of Stuttgart, with Misha Dichter (piano) play the Piano Quartet No 1.†

11.20 **BBC Philharmonic Orchestra** (under Thomson). Nielsen's overture Helios; Sibelius's Symphony No 1.†

12.15 **Concert Hall:** Peter Noke and Helen Krizos (two pianos) play Ravel's Rapsodie espagnole; Debussy's Petite Suite; Francaix's Danses exotiques.† 1.00 **News.**

1.05 **Jazz:** Ken Wheeler's Windmill Tilter, played by the composer with the John Dankworth Orchestra.†

1.30 **Matinee Musicale:** BBC Concert Orchestra (under Cleobury), with Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and Iain Ledingam (piano). Moszkowski's Spanish Dances Op 12 (orchestrated by Myddleton) Nos 1, 3, 4 and 5; Britten's arrangements of None to soothe; O Waly Waly; Oliver Cromwell; Weber's overture Abu Hassan; Mozart's concert aria Misero, o sogno, K 431; Delius's La Calinda; Sullivan's The Lost Chord; Gerhard's Albada, Interludi y Dansa.†

2.30 **Haydn:** Malcolm Cuckston (harpsichord) plays the Sonata in F, H XVI 23; and the Sonata in A flat, H XVI 46.†

3.10 **Orchestral music:** Cologne Radio SO under Wand play the Symphony No 1 by Bruckner.†

4.00 **Choral Evensong:** from Exeter Cathedral – live: 4.55 **News.**

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure;** another of David Cawthra's selections of music.†

6.30 **Debut:** Michael Berkskin (piano) plays Debussy's suite Children's Corner; and Bartok's Sonata.†

7.00 **Modern British Music:** Bochman String Quartet, with David Campbell (clarinet) play Tippett's String Quartet No 2; and Philip Cannon's Clarinet Quintet: Logos.†

7.45 **Play:** Scientists of the Strange, by Peter Redgrove. With Conrad Phillips. What happens when a group of ghost-hunters visit a haunted house in Cornwall. With Sarah-Jane Bickerton and Susan Engel in the cast (r).

9.00 **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** (under Janowski), with Ernst Kovacic (violin) and Liverpool Philharmonic Choir (women's voices). Part one, Beethoven's overture The Creatures of Prometheus; and Mozart's Violin Concerto No 3.†

9.30 **Six Continents:** Angus McDermid with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

9.50 **Concert:** part two. Liszt's Dante Symphony.†

11.00 **Manchester Chamber Concert:** Eugene Sarbu (violin) with Gordon Back (piano) play Grieg's Sonata No 3, Op 45; Vieuxtemps's Rondino, Op 32 No 2, and Brahms's Sonata in D Minor, Op 108.†

11.57 **News.** Until 12.00. Medium wave only: Cricket: Benson and Hedges World Championship. Second semi-final in Melbourne. From 5.30am until 12.30.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † Also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.0pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry† incl 5.02 Cricket. 6.00 Ray Moore† incl 6.02 Cricket. 8.05 Ken Bruce† incl 9.02, 10.02 Cricket. 10.30 Jimmy Young† incl 11.02 Cricket. 1.05pm Sports Desk: David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† incl 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton† incl 3.02, 4.02 Sports Desk. 6.00 Paul Heiney† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results MF only. 8.00 European Soccer Special: Coverage of tonight's quarter-final first-leg European football action and second-half commentary. 9.30 Listen To The Band. Charlie Chester with brass and military music (continued from VHF). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers (new series). Michael Copley and Dag Ingram with their busking guests Michael Murray and his Educated Kettle. 10.15 The Life of Jim (Jimmy Edwards). 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from Midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00 Cynthia Glover sings.† 3.30-4.00 Vintage Sporting Years – 1936.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.0pm). Headlines 5.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Andy Peebles. 12.00pm Gary Davies at the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel.† VHF radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 8.00pm String Sound. Presented by Jean Challis. 8.30 Male Voice Choir of The Year Competition. The second round of this knock-out contest. 9.15 Listen to The Band. Charlie Chester introduces the best of brass and military music. 9.30 As Radio 2. 10.00 As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

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Commons pressure mounts against phone tap Bill

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Government legislation on telephone tapping and mail interception is being threatened by increasing hostility in the Commons which could stall tonight's scheduled second reading of the Bill and drag it down in protracted committee proceedings.

It looked last night as if the Opposition anger had already forced the Government to keep MPs sitting into the small hours of tomorrow, on the first day of the Bill's consideration.

The sensitivity of the issue has already been shown by the refusal of the Lords last March to allow interception to be tagged on to the telecommunications Bill.

But the recent allegations of the banned Channel 4 20-20 Vision television programme on MI5 are now posing an even greater threat to the primary legislation, the Interception of Communications Bill, being promoted by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary.

The failure of the Government to deliver the Bridge Report to the Commons well in advance of the Bill's Second Reading was later used as an argument for a postponement of tonight's debate.

Mr Foot asked the Speaker if he would consider accepting a motion for adjournment of the debate at the start of tonight's proceedings, and Mr Dennis Skinner hinted at a more demonstrative protest.

It was also learned last night that the Government was firmly expected to take the Committee stage of the Bill on the floor of the House, in the Chamber before all MPs rather than in an upstairs Committee before a smaller vetting group.

This would create a considerable log jam of government business in the Commons if Labour, Alliance and some Conservative MPs mounted a concerted attack on the more ambiguous passages of the increasingly controversial legislation.

More than 481 warrants for telephone and mail interceptions were authorized in the United Kingdom last year.

Warrants issued last year were:

	Telecoms	Letters	Total
Home Secretary	352	39	391
Foreign Secretary	115	nil	115
Scottish Secretary	71	4	75

Warrants in force on 31 December 1984:

Home Secretary	217	78	295
Foreign Secretary	98	nil	98
Scottish Secretary	18	nil	18

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Armed watch as bomb hearing opens



An armed policeman mounting guard as colleagues escort Mr O'Keefe, who has his head covered.

Demonstrators carrying a Union Jack jeered and held a noose as a youth arrived at a special court yesterday to face charges of murdering three of the nine police officers who died in a mortar bomb attack on Newry police station, Co Down, last Thursday night (Richard Ford writes).

Lawrence Peter Paul O'Keefe, aged 17, of Monaghan Row, Newry, was brought before a magistrate at a special court hearing at Banbridge, Co Down. He wept as the charges were read to him.

He was charged with murdering Chief Inspector Alex Donaldson, Reserve Constable Dennis Price, and Woman Police Constable Rosemary McGookin.

Mr Rory McShane, for O'Keefe, said that his client was denying the charges.

O'Keefe was remanded in custody to appear at a court in Belfast on Friday.



Comfort for a survivor of the attack.

Letter from Athens

Staging post for the world's terrorists

A foreign ambassador who went to Athens airport recently to meet his daughter, tells the story of how he breezed through the terminal building, past two police checkpoints and a customs guard, to the transit area and out on the tarmac to the aircraft.

"Nobody stopped me. No one asked anything," he said. "And they had no way of knowing who I was. All you needed was cheek. It is frightening."

Less than 100 yards away, the Greek Prime Minister was emerging from his plane, having returned home from a journey abroad. "If I was a terrorist," the ambassador added, "I could have gunned him down easily."

Western security agencies regard Athens airport today as the most unsafe in the whole of Europe. Resident diplomats feel insecure because they themselves have become prime targets of international terrorism.

As a precaution, in fact, they have asked the Government to change the present system of green diplomatic plates for embassy cars, which makes it easy to identify the occupant's nationality and even singles ou the ambassador's car because its number always ends with the digit "1".

Ugly, but quite sturdy, iron clamps now bar access to the pavements in front of the British Embassy and the ambassador's elegant residence in central Athens. But neither these nor the throng of security guards on the alert day and night, prevented terrorists from planting a 13lb explosive device outside the residence last Saturday.

That the bomb, claimed by friends of the Red Army Faction, had been aimed at the German Embassy across the narrow street, was perhaps less of a consolation than the fact that its trigger mechanism failed.

Athens has become an important crossroads for international terrorists who clearly take advantage of the tolerance the socialist government here has shown for transient Palestian underground activists.

Western intelligence sources believe that every important Arab radical group has a staging post in Athens to "launder" wanted terrorists or use as a base for operations elsewhere. They believe that the Greeks have a tacit deal with them to spare Greek targets in exchange for this immunity.

The rumoured arrangement makes Western anti-terrorist services very reserved and reduces the flow of intelligence exchanged with Greek colleagues to a minimum.

The trouble now is that this violence is spilling over locally, turning Athens into a hotbed of Arab infighting. The total death toll in the last five years has risen to 18, with several abortive attacks on diplomats, and at least 60 wounded, mostly last January in the bomb attack against a bar favoured by American servicemen.

Out of all these cases, only one was solved. One Arab was caught and indicted. At least three Arab suspects have been detained without trial for an inordinately long time, while others are said to have been spirited discreetly abroad.

In these circumstances it is difficult to know where to draw the line between home-grown and imported terrorism. The three gunmen who on February 21 calmly walked over to the limousine of Nikos Momferatos, the conservative newspaper publisher, in a crowded Athens street, and fired 20 shots at him and his driver, had not even bothered to cover their faces.

The murder was claimed by the November 17 radical group which boasted of killing two Americans and five Greeks in the past 10 years.

The Greek police do not seem to have a clue who these people are, but they are now beginning to suspect that the killers may be foreign terrorists helping November 17 on a reciprocal basis.

The proclamation left at the scene of the killings said that November 17 strove for a violent short-cut to socialism in Greece. So far, all it has achieved is to expose the chilling incompetence of the Greek security services.

Mario Modiano

Civil Service unions consider action on pay

Civil Service unions are to consult their members in two weeks to gauge support for a one-day stoppage in government departments on April 1.

Union leaders, representing 500,000 white-collar staff, expect a pay offer from the Treasury by the end of the next week and will decide what recommendation to make on industrial action in the light of the offer. Militant union leaders are calling for regional disruptive action and an all-out strike from early May.

The prospect of all-out action is remote and there is no certainty that the one-day stoppage will go ahead unless, in the words of one union leader yesterday, the Government adopts the "kind of insensitive handling it has demonstrated with the teachers".

Britain and Libya start direct talks in Rome

From John Earle in Rome and Henry Stanhope

Senior British and Libyan diplomats had their first direct contact yesterday since breaking off diplomatic relations nearly a year ago.

They met in Rome under the auspices of the Italian Government, Britain's protecting power since the two countries closed their embassies after the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in St James's Square.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, agreed to Libya's requests for a meeting when Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, released four British hostages last month.

But sources pointed out that its purpose was to discuss a number of practical issues and counselled against expecting a dramatic improvement in relations.

A statement issued by the British Embassy in Rome last night described the atmosphere as "frank and businesslike". The aim was to exchange information and reduce misunderstanding. The British officials also sought clarification of certain recent statements by Colonel Gadaffi.

This is thought to refer to a speech in which he reportedly spoke of possible support for terrorist orgainizations such as the Red Brigades and the IRA.

Italy is understood to be awaiting a text of his remarks before making any comment.

Mr Stephen Egerton, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office, who headed the British team at yesterday's meeting, will report back to ministers in London today.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen attends a service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the Golden Jubilee of King George's Jubilee Trust, followed by a reception at Goldsmiths' Hall; arrives St Paul's, 10.55.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of the University of London, attends a Foundation Day ceremony at the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Sq, WC1, 1.30; and later attends a reception given by Mr R C Arora, the Acting High Commissioner for India, 9 Kensington Palace Gardens, 6.

Prince Michael of Kent, as Commonwealth President of the Royal Life Saving Society, attends Commonwealth Council at Australia House, 3.25.

New exhibitions:

Women at War: 1914-1918; and paintings by Irene Smith; Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices: Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30 (ends March 22).

Paintings and drawings by David Grimbleby and Yuval Zommer; The Portico Library and Gallery, 57 Mosley St, Manchester: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30 (ends March 29).

Exhibitions in progress

Contemporary Chinese Calligraphy by Prof Tung; Edinburgh College of Art (ends March 8); and The River Policeman and Other Friends by Andi Dakin; Edinburgh Art Gallery, Andrew Grant Gallery (ends March 15); Lauriston Place, Sculpture Court, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.

Dancers colour photographs by Robbie Jack of leading dancers and dance companies from 1984; The Theatre Workshop, 34 Hamilton Place, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30 (ends March 30).

Last chance to see

Works by John Mooney and Malcolm Hood; Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, Edinburgh; 9 to 5.30.

Portraits on Paper; MacRoberts Arts Centre, Stirling University; 11 to 5.

Music

Organ recital by Stephen Harris; Reading Town Hall; 1.10.

Recital by the Brahms Trio of London; The High School, Golspie; 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Queens' Hall, Edinburgh; 7.45.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; St Mary's Church, Portsea, Portsmouth; 7.30.

Concert by the London Sinfonietta; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth; 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Of Mice and Men, by Prof Elder; Foundation Year Lecture Theatre, Keele University; 8.

Silver and its place in English Society, by Myrtle Ellis; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln; 7.30.

Gordon and the Mahdi – families, follies and sublimities – by a kinsman, by J. F. S. Phillips; Wedgwood Room, Beaumont Hall, Leicester University; 8.15.

Explosives, by Prof Robert B. Cundall; Essex University, Colchester; 4.

Caring for the dying at St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, by Sister Joan; Hull University Catholic Chaplaincy, 44 Newland Park; 8.30.

General

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition; Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London, SW5; 10 to 8 daily (until March 31).

Anniversaries

Births: Michelangelo, Caprese, Italy, 1475; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Durham, 1806; George du Maurier, caricaturist and novelist, Paris, 1834.

Deaths: Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; John Redmond, Irish nationalist, London, 1918; John Philip Sousa, bandmaster and composer, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1932; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Budapest, 1967; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971.

Portfolio

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Alien Powers, The Pure Theory of Ideology, by Kenneth Minogue (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.95)

France, A Cultural Guide, by Jacques-Louis Delpal (Phaidon, £11.50)

Glimpses of the Great, by A L Rowse (Methuen, £12.50)

Homo Sovieticus, by Alexander Zinoviev (Gollancz, £12.95)

James Joyce and Sexuality, by Richrad Brown (Cambridge, £19.50)

Modern India, the Origins of an Asian Democracy, by Judith M Brown (Oxford, £22.50, paperback £9.95)

Siegfried Sassoon Diaries, 1923-1925, edited and introduced by Rupert Hart- Davis (Faber, £12.95)

Sterling, A Pies for Moderation, by Douglas Jay (Sidgwick & Jackson, £15)

The Fashion System, by Roland Barthes, translated by Matthew Ward and Richard Howard (Cape, £15)

Wisdom, Madness and Folly, The Making of a Psychiatrist, by R D Laing (Macmillan, £9.95) PH

Roads

Wales and the West: A40: Contraflow on the Westgate gyratory system: diversion signed; delays. A470: Lane closures on southbound carriageway at Cross Inn near Cardiff; delays likely. A470: Temporary traffic signals at Erwood between Builth Wells and Llyswen, (234 hours); single file traffic due to subsidence.

The North: A1: Contraflow operating on Seghill Bridge on A1 Tyne Tunnel northern approach road, until May 19. A1: Repairs to bridge joints on River Wharf bridge, Wetherby; work starts March 9. M6: Resurfacing between junctions 20 and 21; various lane closures.

Scotland: A929: Single line traffic with lights on Dundee Rd, Forfar. M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junctions 4 and 3 (Hamilton Motherwell/Lanark); two-way traffic on northbound carriageway. M80: Accident repairs – at junction 5 (access from A80); southbound inside lane closures.

Information supplied by the AA.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Debate on financing of the arts and broadcasting.

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 30 Gran Reserva Riojas' the following six were chosen as excellent value for money:

1975 Cerro Anon (Bodegas Olarra), Sherston Wines (0666-840644), £4.59; 1973 Campo Viejo, Bottoms Up (01-858 2000), £3.89; 1964 Berberana, Bottoms Up, £7.99; 1973 Monte Real, Bottoms Up, £3.99; 1970 Berberana, Sherston Wines, £6.25; 1964 Faustino 1, Bottoms Up, £7.99.

Source: What Wine? March 1985.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the "latest orgy of soccer violence" after Monday's match between Chelsea and Sunderland, says: "But, as always, the real victim is our national game, as the reputation of English football is pushed even further into the gutter."

The Daily Express says that the Football Association "must do more to force the clubs to put their grounds in order".

The Daily Mirror says that by grabbing a demonstrating student by the lapels, Mr Neil Kinnock has "discovered the secret of electoral success". The paper adds: "Since the birth of violence, the nation has yearned for a target for tomato-throwers to throw them back."

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.52	1.53
Austria Sch	26.30	25.10
Belgium Fr	75.50	72.00
Canada $	1.55	1.47
Denmark Kr	13.45	12.80
Finland Mkk	7.50	7.40
France Fr	11.40	10.90
Germany DM	3.75	3.57
Greece Dr	161.00	150.00
Hong Kong $	8.70	8.10
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lire	2330.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	291.00	275.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.05
Norway Kr	10.74	10.24
Portugal Esc	203.00	193.00
South Africa Rd	2.55	2.20
Spain Pta	204.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	10.60	10.10
Switzerland Fr	3.19	3.05
USA $	1.115	1.065
Yugoslavia Dar	295.00	280.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 359.8.

London: The FT Index closed up 2.1 at 982.0.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	50	200	good	powder	good	snow	-5
Fresh snow on slushy base							
Arosa	90	130	good	crust	good	fine	-4
Wind closed some lifts							
Courmayeur	170	330	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Superb skiing on all slopes							
Grindelwald	35	100	good	heavy	patchy	cloud	1
Good snow above 1500m							
Isola 2000	155	210	powder	powder	good	snow	-3
Good falls of powder, bad visibility							
Leysin	65	115	fair	crust	poor	snow	5
New powder on hard base							
Murren	60	200	good	heavy	fair	fog	0
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Seefeld	10	15	fair	spring	closed	fine	10
Bare patches on all slopes							
Tignes	110	170	good	crust	good	snow	1
Snow falling steadily							
Zermatt	50	170	good	powder	good	snow	-2

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 20.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will persist over SE districts of Britain, while frontal troughs cross W areas during the day.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Dry with sunny intervals; wind S, light; max temp 11C (52F).

Central S, central N, NE England, S Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright at first, becoming cloudy with a little rain later; wind S moderate locally fresh; max temp 11C (52F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly cloudy, outbreaks of rain and drizzle; wind S fresh locally strong; max temp 11C (52F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands Argyll: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; wind S strong locally gale; max temp 10C (50F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals at first, soon becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain; wind S strong; max temp 8C (48F).

Northern Ireland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, brighter with showers later; wind S strong, veering SW, moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable in the N, with showers or longer periods of rain, and near normal temperatures; mainly dry with sunny intervals and mild in the SE.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind variable light mainly fair; visibility moderate or poor with coastal fog patches; sea smooth. English Channel (E): S light or moderate, showers; visibility moderate or poor with coastal fog patches; sea smooth becoming slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW moderate increasing strong, rain at times; visibility good becoming moderate or poor; sea slight becoming moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 6.35 am Sun sets: 5.50 pm

Moon sets: 6.52 am Moon rises: 4.59 pm

Full Moon tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 5.20 pm to 6.03 am
Bristol 5.29 pm to 6.13 am
Edinburgh 5.27 pm to 6.19 am
Manchester 5.26 pm to 6.13 am
Penzance 5.42 pm to 6.23 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

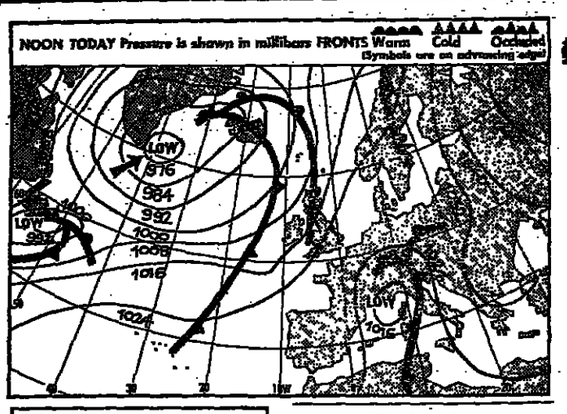
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	7	45	Guernsey	f	9	48
Birmingham	f	9	46	Inverness	s	8	46
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	s	9	48
Bristol	s	8	46	London	f	10	50
Cardiff	f	10	50	Manchester	f	8	46
Edinburgh	s	9	48	Newcastle	s	8	46
Glasgow	s	8	46	Ronaldsway	s	8	46

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,023.6 millibars rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 12C (54F); Lowest day max: Claxton, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Stornoway, Kirkwall, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Cardiff, Tenby, 9.8hr.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.06	8.6	1.33	7.1
Aberdeen	12.39	4.1	12.45	4.2
Avonmouth	6.38	12.7	7.7	13.1
Belfast	10.21	3.5	10.45	3.2
Cardiff	5.23	11.8	5.52	12.1
Devonport	5.11	5.4	5.44	5.8
Dover	10.21	6.3	10.48	6.5
Falmouth	4.41	6.2	5.14	6.1
Glasgow	12.05	4.3	12.21	4.7
Harwich	11.26	4.0	11.43	3.8
Holyhead	9.48	5.5	10.12	5.5
Hull	5.50	7.1	5.58	7.3
Ilfracombe	5.26	8.9	5.53	9.1
Leith	2.01	5.2	2.18	5.4
Liverpool	10.44	9.2	11.9	9.4
Lowestoft	9.10	2.3	9.10	2.3
Margate	11.42	4.6	11.54	4.7
Milford Haven	5.40	6.9	6.5	6.9
Newquay	4.31	6.9	4.56	7.0
Oban	5.18	3.9	5.57	3.9
Penzance	4.09	5.5	4.40	5.4
Portland	6.16	2.2	7.10	2.0
Portsmouth	10.51	4.5	11.20	4.7
Shoreham	10.39	6.1	11.9	6.3
Southampton	10.22	4.3	10.53	4.5
Swansea	5.54	9.2	6.12	8.4
Tees	3.05	5.1	3.15	5.4
Walton-on-Naze	11.20	4.1	11.40	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	6.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Bridlington	8.6	.01	11	52	Sunny
Cromer	7.2	–	9	48	Bright
Lowestoft	6.8	–	11	52	Sunny
Clacton	8.9	–	7	45	Sunny
Margate	–	–	8	48	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	7.9	–	10	50	Sunny
Hastings	8.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Eastbourne	7.3	–	11	52	Showers pm
Brighton	–	–	9	48	Sunny
Worthing	8.0	.04	10	50	Showers pm
Littlehmptn	–	–	–	–	–
Bognor R	9.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Southsea	8.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Sandown	8.3	–	9	48	Sunny
Shanklin	8.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Bournemth	9.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Poole	8.9	–	10	50	Sunny
Swanage	7.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Weymouth	8.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Exmouth	7.4	–	11	52	Sunny
Teignmouth	7.2	–	11	52	Sunny
Torquay	7.3	–	11	52	Sunny
Falmouth	7.6	.01	10	50	Sunny
Penzance	3.4	.05	11	52	Showers
Jersey	8.2	.01	11	52	Sunny
Guernsey	9.7	.06	11	52	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	–	–	–	–	–
Newquay	–	–	–	–	–
Ilfracombe	5.3	–	9	48	Sunny
Tenby	9.8	–	9	48	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Southport	9.0	–	7	45	Sunny
Morecambe	8.7	.03	8	46	Sunny
Douglas	8.4	.10	10	50	Sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cnt)	8.8	–	11	52	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	8.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	7.5	–	10	50	Sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	8.8	–	9	48	Sunny
Anglesey	9.2	–	9	48	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	9.2	–	8	46	Sunny
Manchester	8.0	.03	10	50	Sunny pm
Nottingham	7.3	–	10	50	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	9.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Carlisle	8.8	.01	9	48	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Raidelemuir	4.2	.03	8	46	Bright
Prestwick	9.6	.02	9	48	Sunny
Glasgow	8.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Tiree	4.1	.02	9	48	Hail am
Stornoway	6.9	.15	10	50	Showers am
Lerwick	4.0	.13	8	46	Showers
Wick	8.1	.04	9	48	Showers am
Kinloss	8.5	.01	10	50	Sunny
Aberdeen	8.2	.01	11	52	Sunny
St Andrews	9.0	.01	10	50	Sunny
Edinburgh	8.1	–	11	52	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	5.7	–	9	48	Sunny am

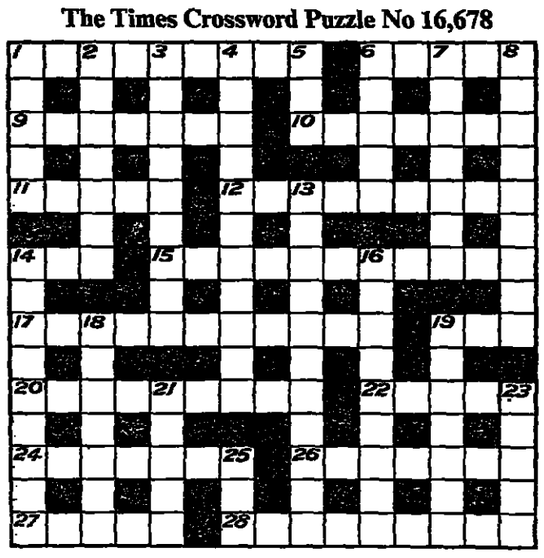
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Cologne	s	10	50	Majorca	f	14	57	Rome	r	12	54
Alicante	s	17	63	Copenhagen	c	2	36	Malaga	f	14	57	Salzburg	c	3	37
Alexandria				Corfu	s	17	63	Malta	f	15	59	Sao Paulo*	c	28	79
Algiers				Dublin	f	7	45	Melbourne*	s	19	66	S Francisco*	s	10	50
Amsterdam	s	8	46	Dubrovnik	s	16	61	Mexico C*	s	22	72	Santiago*	s	25	77
Athens	c	14	57	Faro	s	15	59	Miami*	c	27	81	Seoul	s	2	36
Bahrain	s	17	63	Florence*	f	12	54	Milan	c	8	46	Singapore*	f	32	90
Barbados*	s	28	82	Frankfurt	r	6	43	Montreal*	c	-16	3	Stockholm	c	-1	30
Barcelona	f	12	54	Funchal*	c	15	59	Moscow	s	-8	18	Strasbourg	r	7	45
Beirut	s	17	63	Geneva	r	1	34	Munich	s	2	36	Sydney	s	22	72
Belgrade	s	13	55	Gibraltar	s	14	57	Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	f	14	57
Berlin	c	6	43	Helsinki	sn	-5	23	Naples	f	15	59	Tel Aviv	s	19	66
Bermuda*	c	18	64	Hong Kong	f	17	63	New Delhi	s	30	86	Tenerife*	f	19	66
Biarritz*	r	8	43	Innsbruck	r	1	34	New York	sn	-3	27	Tokyo	r	8	43
Bologna	s	7	45	Istanbul	s	9	48	Nice*	c	13	55	Toronto	sn	-8	18
Bordeaux*	c	9	48	Jeddah	s	28	82	Oslo	sn	-2	28	Tunis	f	16	61
Brussels	s	8	46	Jo'burg*	s	23	73	Paris	r	9	48	Valencia	s	14	57
Budapest	s	5	41	Karachi*	s	29	84	Peking	s	-2	28	Vancouver*	c	4	39
Buen Aires				Las Palmas*	c	18	64	Perth				Venice	c	10	50
Cairo				Lisbon*	r	12	54	Prague	c	2	36	Vienna	c	2	36
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	r	2	36	Reykjavik	c	3	37	Warsaw	c	3	37
C'blanca*	c	14	57	L Angeles*	s	13	55	Rhodes	s	16	61	Washington	d	4	39
Chicago*	r	9	48	Luxemburg	f	7	45	Riyadh	f	18	64	Wellington			
Christch				Madrid	f	8	46	Rio de Jan	c	25	77	Zurich	d	6	43

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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ACROSS

1 It connects lines, perhaps to an electric eel charger? (5-4.)
6 Entrance march is stirring (5).
9 Neat leg, say, shown by Scot, Balliol man perhaps (7).
10 Grow scarlet over the border issue (7).
11 Old Turkish horseman covered in aphis (5).
12 Musical dress for a scratch performer? (4,5).
14 Cigarette end (3).
15 Limited trial for design by helmsman (5,6).
17 Katisha's face was one of these, sang Ko-Ko (11).
19 Passenger transport, not before darkness (3).
20 Plenty of money for an extended contract (4,5).
22 A small amount of leopard skin covers this (5).
24 Direction on a curious tonic for Herb (7).
26 Lion is set free – ask why loudly (7).
27 She wrote some story on genealogy (5).
28 Hit hard by dangerous state of the illumination (9).

DOWN

2 Fluffy stuff the Tullivers lived on (5).
2 Corporation food processer (7).
3 Abuse photograph of Macedonian king (9).
4 Nothing Nato holds in mounted artillery equals a destroyer (11).
5 The French Connection caught others too (3).
6 Counters supplied by carpenter (5).
7 Gold mace perhaps gives protection (7).
8 A she-dragon of St Trinian's? (9).
13 Hiatus in authority makes regimcnt run badly (11).
14 Subservient characters can harm a railway (9).
16 The kind of detention coppers have to face (9).
18 Where Coward's natives shun the heat of noon (7).
19 Flagging baby with daddy out hunting (7).
21 The best of Mrs Leo Hunter's collection (5).
23 "I am dying, ——, dying" (A and C) (5).
25 Put up shelter to fish (3).

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